



Economic Development & Tourism Committee

411 Main St.
Catskill, NY 12414

Special Committee Meeting
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Wednesday, June 4, 2014

6:26 PM

Caucus Room 468

Call to Order

Proposed Agenda Item

1. Authorizing Submission Of Fiscal Year 2014 Community Development Block Grant Applications

Adjournment



Authorizing Submission Of Fiscal Year 2014 Community Development Block Grant Applications

WHEREAS, Greene County has identified economic development and community planning as priorities for potential funding through the 2014 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program; and

WHEREAS, Greene County has successfully administered economic development and community planning projects using CDBG funds in the past; and

WHEREAS, Greene County is an eligible applicant under the New York State Community Development Block Grant Small Cities Program and is therefore eligible for financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR) has placed funding in the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) process, accepting applications until Monday, June 16, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the County has conducted a Public Hearing related to the 2014 CDBG program, and no community objections were voiced; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Greene County Legislature authorizes the Director of the Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Planning to prepare and submit three applications to the New York State Office of Community Renewal, which are:

1. Greene County Microenterprise Assistance Program (\$200,000);
2. Greene County Infrastructure Inventory and Development Project (\$50,000);
3. Economic Development Project on behalf of Zoom Flume Water Park (\$150,000),

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Greene County Legislature authorizes the Chairman of the Greene County Legislature to sign and submit said CDBG Application; to act in connection with the submission of the applications; and to provide such additional information as may be required, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Greene County Legislature is hereby authorized to enter into agreements with the New York State Office of Community Renewal regarding the use of these funds, subject to approval as to form by the County Attorney, and to provide such assurances and all certifications as required to accept said financial assistance should the grant be awarded, including the designation of Warren Hart, Director of the Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Planning, as the Certifying Officer for the Environmental Review Record for these grants if awarded.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2014 CDBG Application Cover Memo (PDF)

MEMORANDUM

TO: Patty Handel, Chairperson, Economic Development & Tourism Committee
Shaun Groden, County Administrator

FROM: Warren Hart, Director

DATE: May 27, 2014

SUBJECT: Authorizing Submission of 2014 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Applications.

The attached resolution authorizes Greene County to submit grant applications to the New York State Office for Small Cities in the 2014 Open Round of the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program. The County is applying for three grants: \$200,000 in funding for its Microenterprise Assistance Program; \$50,000 is being applied for through the Community Planning Program for the Infrastructure Study; and \$150,000 is being applied for on behalf of Zoom Flume Water Park to support an important expansion project.

The Greene County Microenterprise Assistance Program has been funded several times in the past with funding from New York State. The County received \$200,000 in funding in each of the last two rounds where such funding was offered, in 2010 and 2011. Those two programs funded 15 new and existing microenterprise projects creating 21 jobs. Eight microenterprise projects would be funded in the 2014 round.

The Community Planning Program has also returned to the 2014 CFA competition, and the County is eligible to apply for up to \$50,000. The application will be for an infrastructure study that will catalogue, map and document current infrastructure capacities for the water and sewer districts in the County, and show where improvements may be made in order to increase capacity and link capacity to potential development sites for new projects.

Attachment: 2014 CDBG Application Cover Memo (1145 : 2014 CDBG CFA Applications)

The third application would provide \$150,000 in grant funding for an expansion project at Zoom Flume Water Park that will expand the front entrance, and create a new gift shop, office space and ticketing center. Ten full-time equivalent positions will be created as a result of the expansion, which would be implemented in 2015. Funds for the total cost of the project will come from private cash equity and commercial lending.

A required public hearing will be conducted on Wednesday, June 4, 2014 at 6:25 p.m. in advance of the Legislature meeting authorizing the submission of the grant. All of these grant applications will be submitted as part of the State's Consolidated Funding Application (CFA). All CFA applications are due on Monday, June 16 at 4 p.m.