



MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission
From: Patrick L. Mauney, Executive Director
Date: April 14, 2023
Subject: 2023 Virginia CDBG Program Regional Priorities

Annually, the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) requests each Planning District Commission to submit a tiered list of Regional Priorities based on Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) activity categories to assist DHCD staff in evaluating proposals submitted for CDBG funding during the year, as well as a list of probable CDBG proposals for the current year grant cycle.

RRRC's 2022 priorities are listed below:

Priority 1 (50 points per application)

Comprehensive Community Development: Targets a range of improvements based on recent neighborhood/community assessment. Emphasis on addressing housing conditions, but can also include water, sewer, telecommunications (including broadband to unserved areas, defined as area with 10/1 download/upload or less).

Community Facility (*Note: Renamed in 2023 to Public Infrastructure*): Targets provision of water and/or sewer improvements, including indoor plumbing, or housing production assistance for single- or multi-family units targeted for LMI persons.

Community Service Facility: Targets physical facilities allowing provision of important services to LMI persons and the greater community, to include day care, community centers, health clinics, hospitals, skill-building facilities for youth and unemployed, or facilities for elderly or disabled persons.

Priority 2 (30 points per application)

Business District Revitalization: Primary purpose is to eliminate blighting conditions in deteriorated areas to create better environments for future economic activities.

Housing – Housing Rehabilitation: Focused on housing rehabilitation for Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI) occupied housing units either targeting a single, well-defined project area or through a scattered site approach within a single locality.

As of February 17th, RRRC staff is aware of ongoing CDBG planning grant activities in Remington and the Town of Madison.

Based on those existing planning grant activities, staff recommends moving Business District Revitalization to Priority 1 and moving Community Service Facility to Priority 2.

REQUESTED ACTION: Approve RRRC staff to submit the tiered priority list for 2023 Community Development Block Grant Regional Priorities, along with any expected projects from the region to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.



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March 28, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors, Virginia Planning District Commissions

FROM: Rachel Jordan, Policy Analyst

SUBJECT: 2023 Virginia CDBG Program Regional Priorities

This memo serves as notification for each Planning District Commission of the availability of the 2023 CDBG Program Design. Following your review of the Program Design, we request that each Planning District Commission provide DHCD with the following two items by **Thursday, June 1st, 2023:**

A prioritized list of the CDBG Project Types and Activity Categories.

Using the *List of Project Types / Activity Categories and Ranking Worksheet* enclosed, rank the five project types in one of three priority groups. Proposals for projects for whom a Planning District has provided a Regional Priorities Worksheet will receive 15 points. Proposals for projects that do not have an accompanying Regional Priorities Worksheet will receive 0 points.

A list of CDBG proposals expected to originate in your District in 2023.

Develop a list of the Competitive Grant (Community Improvement Grant) proposals which may be submitted from the Planning District in 2023. This list may include proposed planning grants or Open Submission projects as well. Include the locality name, project name, and project type.

Thank you for your attention to this. These two items will assist us in our evaluation of 2023 project applications, and the receipt of each will ensure eligibility of 2023 application reviews. Should you have any questions, please email Rachel Jordan, Policy Analyst, at Rachel.jordan@dhcd.virginia.gov.

**2023 Virginia Community Development Block Grant Program
Regional Priorities**

List of Project Types / Activity Categories and Ranking Worksheet

Project Types / Activity Categories

Please reference the 2023 CDBG Program Design for additional information on the Competitive Grant project types and activity categories. The following five items must be ranked in one of the three priority groups below. **Please check no more than 3 per priority group:**

Ranking Worksheet

Planning District Commission:

Priority (1 is highest, 3 is lowest)

- | #1 | #2 | #3 | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Comprehensive Community Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Economic Development – Business District Revitalization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Housing – Housing Rehabilitation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Public Infrastructure (Including Housing Production) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Community Service Facility |

Expected 2023 CDBG Applications: