

The City of Oxford
CDBG Post-Award Public Hearing
Project # 21p-x-107-2-6227

December 6, 2021 at 6:30pm

AGENDA

- I. Introduction and Background of Community Development Block Grant and National Objects of the program.
 - i. Handout of U.S. HUD Fair Housing: Equal Opportunity for All packet and flyer
- II. Review of awarded CDBG funds and description of grant activities
- III. Review of the project budget including amount of funds available for each activity and the amount of funds that will benefit low- to moderate-income persons.
- IV. Project compliance with Fair Housing laws and the City's plan to further fair housing.
- V. Project compliance with Section 3 provision of the Housing and Development Act of 1968.
- VI. Disclosure of no potential Conflict of Interest identified during project planning
- VII. Questions/Public Comment
- VIII. Adjournment

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Attending:

Mayor David Eady, City Councilmembers Jim Windham, George Holt, Jeff Wearing, Avis Williams, Laura McCanless, Lynn Bohanan, City Manager Bill Andrew, City Clerk/Treasurer Marcia Brooks, Utilities/Maintenance Supervisor Jody Reid, Mike Ready, Stuart Swinea (Northeast Georgia Regional Commission).

On October 21, 2021, the City was awarded \$750,000 by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for the purpose of replacing the water lines in the western portion City of Oxford located at Oxford Road, Perry Circle, Keel Street, Cat's Paw Court, and Beakhead Court.

The project involves the replacement of an aging PVC water main that serves 74 households. The original line was improperly embedded with gravel directly against the PVC main. The water main is experiencing damage resulting from the quantity of rocks directly against inground pipes combined with the age of the pipes.

The Community Development Block Grant Program is funded under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, and is administered by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA).

The primary objective of the Housing and Community Development Act is the development of viable communities through the improvement of living conditions and the expansion of economic opportunities in cities and counties, principally for persons of low- and moderate-income.

The program addresses three National Objectives:

- Benefit to low and moderate income persons;
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; and
- Meeting community development needs having a particular urgency.

CDBG funding will be used to replace the water lines in the western portion of the City of Oxford. The target area, located in West Oxford, includes Oxford Road, Perry Circle, Keel Street, Cat's Paw Court, and Beakhead Court. This improvement in water infrastructure is crucial to the provision of essential services to the residents of Oxford.

Low- and moderate-income persons are individuals or members of a family having an income equal to or less than the Section 8 low-income limit established by HUD. That is, those families

at 80-percent or less of Area Median Income (AMI). HUD updates income limits by household size and publishes them on their website on a yearly basis.

CDBG funds are designated for the Following:

| Description | Budget |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Public Facilities | \$750,000.00 |

No persons will be displaced as a result of the project. Any property needed to successfully complete this project will be acquired in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (Uniform Act).

The City of Oxford, in agreeing to accept CDBG funds, certifies that it will “affirmatively further fair housing.” **A fair housing flyer and packet are provided here for all public hearing participants and copies may be obtained from the The City of Oxford Clerk’s office upon request.**

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Fair Housing Act), as amended, prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of dwellings, and in other housing-related transactions, based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status (including children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women, and people securing custody of children under the age of 18), and handicap (disability).

The City of Oxford will comply with all Davis-Bacon Compliance Regulations as part of this project. The Davis–Bacon Act of 1931 is a United States federal law which established the requirement for paying prevailing wages on public works projects. All federal government construction contracts, and most contracts for federally assisted construction over \$2,000, must include provisions for paying workers on-site no less than the locally prevailing wages and benefits paid on similar projects.

The City of Oxford will also comply with the Section 3 provision of the Housing and Development Act of 1968 as part of this project. Section 3 provides that to the greatest extent feasible, training and employment opportunities shall be made available to lower income residents of project areas and that contracts be awarded to small businesses located within the project area or owned in substantial part by project area residents.

The City of Oxford will also comply with all requirements of the Georgia State Minimum Standard Codes for Construction.

*Submitted by:
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