

# CITY OF WAUPACA

**PUBLIC HEARING  
VIA VIDEO / TELECONFERENCING**

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2021  
5:30 P.M.**

**Present:** John Ryan, Chairperson, Alderperson Dave Peterson, Alderperson Lori Chesnut and Julie Thompson

**Absent:** Thiago Souza and Dick Phillipsen (both unexcused)

**Others Present:** Aaron Jenson, City Administrator, Mayor Brian Smith, Laura West, CAP Services and Greg Grohman, Grant Writer

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

CITY OF WAUPACA  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)  
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC HEARING  
MONDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2021 - 5:30 PM  
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The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Citizen Participation Plan Committee of the City of Waupaca will conduct a public hearing to provide information on the City's intent to apply to the Community Development Building Grant (CDBG) – CV Housing Assistance Grant.

The agenda for the public hearing is:

1. Basic overview of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program
2. The total CDBG funds available for Corona Virus (CDBG-CV)
3. Types of activities eligible for CDBG funding for Housing Assistance and Utility Assistance
4. Identification of Community Development and Housing needs
5. Activities proposed for the CDBG application
6. Citizen input regarding proposed CDBG Activities

Residents of the City of Waupaca are encouraged to attend, especially residents with low to moderate incomes.

The meeting will be held virtually and will be broadcast on Facebook Live, FM96.3 and Win-TV 991. Public Input for any City meeting can be submitted to [publicinput@cityofwaupaca.org](mailto:publicinput@cityofwaupaca.org). For Public Input to be read it should include the name, address and contact information and

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must be presented by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Anyone wishing to give Public Input in person should contact City Administrator Aaron Jenson or Sandy Stiebs, City Clerk at 715-258-4411.

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**Purpose of Hearing** – Chairperson John Ryan read the Public Hearing Notice into the record.

**Basic Overview of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program** – Greg Grohman explained that the CDBG Program is a funding opportunity through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development and it distributes funds nationally with most of the funds going to urban areas. The Mission of the CDBG Program is to provide funds for affordable housing and anti-poverty programs.

**The Total CDBG Funds Available for Corona Virus (CDBG–CV)** – The CDBG funds available for Corona Virus (CDBG-CV) are made available through the Cares Act. The total funds available through the CDBG program are approximately \$44 million with approximately \$2.8 million available solely for Central Wisconsin, which encompasses the entire CAP Services region. If no one applies for that money, it is just removed completely, hence the incentive for the city to apply for it.

**Types of Activities Eligible for CDBG Funding for Housing Assistance and Utility Assistance** – The main caveat of the CDBG-CV program is they must prevent, prepare and respond to the Corona Virus while providing assistance to low and moderate income persons. The CDBG-CV Program that the City of Waupaca is proposing is a \$1.1 million application that will provide housing (rental payments, mortgage payments, payments of mortgages in foreclosure) and utility assistance for Covid-19 relief. The payments will be made directly to the creditor, as money cannot be given to the applicant or recipient. Laura West said that applications will be received and reviewed by CAP Services to determine the need and if applicants will qualify for the funding.

**Identification of Community Development and Housing Needs** - Laura West described the need for housing assistance due to Covid-19 in Central Wisconsin and explained the process used by CAP Services. After surveying local lending institutions, they determined there is approximately 15-20% of mortgages in Central Wisconsin that are either delayed or delinquent.

**Activities Proposed for CDBG Application** – Mr. Jenson said the next step is to provide a Resolution to Council for approval to go ahead with the CDBG application.

**Citizen Input Regarding Proposed CDBG Activities** – none received.

Moved by Chairperson John Ryan, Seconded by Alderperson Dave Peterson the CDBG Public Hearing is adjourned. 4 ayes, 2 absent, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Chairperson John Ryan  
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