

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: September 8, 2009

Subject: Public Hearing – Water and Sewer Hook Up Grant

Attachments: 1. Public Hearing Notice
2. Press Release

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The NC Department of Commerce has reserved \$ 75,000 in CDBG Grant Funds for Henderson County subject to receipt of a grant application identifying the homes to be connected to public water or sewer. Eligible home owners must be low and moderate income and must be located adjacent to service lines. The grant will pay for tap fees and connections of the homes. Assisted households will be selected on a first to apply first to qualify basis. The availability of the program and its requirements were made available to the public by local news media and as of the date this was written 45 households had applied. This is the second of two required hearings and staff intends to submit the application by the end of September.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Planning Staff recommends that the Board of Commissioners conduct the public hearing and upon closure of the hearing adopt the following motion:

Suggested Motion : I move that the Board approve the submittal of a grant application to the NC Department of Commerce for a \$75,000 Hook Up Grant and that the Chairman and Planning Director be authorized to sign the grant documents.

Notice of Public Hearing

The Henderson County Commissioners will hold a public hearing to receive citizen input regarding submittal of a Grant Application to the NC Department of Commerce. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday September 8, 2009 , at 7:00 P.M., in the Board of Commissioners Meeting Room located in the Henderson County Historic Courthouse, at 1 Historic Courthouse Square, in Hendersonville, NC. The public is invited to attend and comment. Written comments addressed to the Henderson County Board of Commissioners, 1 Historic Courthouse Square, Suite 1, Hendersonville, NC 28792, will be accepted prior to the hearings.

The County intends to submit the grant application for a \$75,000 Utility Hook Up Grant. Upon funding the County intends to provide water and sewer connections for homes owned by low and moderate income owners.

All interested persons are invited to attend this hearing. Persons needing special assistance or non-English speaking persons desiring to participate in this hearing should contact the Planning Department at (828) 697-4819 [TDD for the hearing impaired (828) 697-4580].

Please publish the above advertisement in the Non-legal section with a black border:

Publish once on August 27, 2009
Contact Gary Wilson ,704-933-5990, if questions about publication directions.

AFFIDAVIT REQUIRED

Please mail the bill and affidavit to: Kathleen Scanlan, Henderson County Planning Department, 213 First Avenue East, Hendersonville, NC 28792

Press Release



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Public Contact: Cindy Ramsey, Benchmark Inc., 1-800-650-3925

Planning Department Announces Grant Opportunity for Homeowners to Connect to Public Water or Sewer.

The Henderson County Planning Department is taking applications from eligible homeowners for free water and/or sewer connections to existing utility lines. The Planning Department has reserved \$75,000 with the NC Department of Commerce for this effort. Assistance is contingent upon funding of a Grant application by the North Carolina Department of Commerce. When that occurs, grants will be offered to selected homeowners to cover tap fees, complete hook up of the homes and any related costs. Henderson County will compile a list of applicants and if the grant is awarded will select homeowners who are eligible. For eligibility, homeowners must have incomes at or below those listed in the table below.

Income Limits

Household Size	Annual Income	Household Size	Annual Income
1 person	\$ 31,200	5 person	\$ 48,100
2 person	35,650	6 person	51,700
3 person	40,100	7 person	55,250
4 person	44,550	8 person	58,800

Benchmark CMR, Inc. has been chosen by the County to prepare the grant application to secure these funds. Eligible county residents who wish to apply for this assistance should call Benchmark at the toll free number (1-800-650-3925) between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Ask for Cindy Ramsey. Homeowners should apply with Benchmark CMR, Inc. by August 25, 2009 to ensure consideration. Homeowners will be considered on a first to apply, first to qualify basis.