

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: April 2, 2012

SUBJECT: Set a Public Hearing on 2012 Community Development Block Grant Application

PRESENTER: Anthony W. Starr, AICP, Planning Director

ATTACHMENTS: None

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The NC Department of Commerce, Division of Community Investment and Assistance (CI) is opening the 2011 and 2012 grant cycles for Community Development Block Grant Programs (CDBG) including the **Small Business and Entrepreneurial Assistance Program**. These funds are distributed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through its Community Development Block Grant program to each state.

The Board held the initial hearing and a second public hearing is required before the April 30th, 2012 application deadline. The purpose of the second hearing is to receive public comment regarding the proposed application for the Small Business and Entrepreneurial Assistance Program. This program is selected on a competitive basis to assist the small business community. \$150,000 to \$250,000 is awarded to support eligible job creation activities such as the purchase of land, infrastructure improvements, or construction improvements. Eligible activities must be tied to the creation of at least six jobs.

The Planning Department was approached by an existing business that wishes to apply for the grant. No local match (County funds) is required for this grant.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

If the Board desires to apply for this grant, Planning Staff recommends that the Board of Commissioners schedule a public hearing on the CDBG Small Business and Entrepreneurial Assistance Program for Wednesday, April 18, 2012, at 9:00 A.M.

Suggested Motion: I move that the Board schedule a public hearing for the Small Business and Entrepreneurial Assistance Program for Wednesday, April 18, 2012, at 9:00 A.M.