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## City Holds Public Hearing and Training for CDBG

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city will soon hold a public hearing and training session for those interested in providing input or applying for funding from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

At the next City Council meeting on Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m., citizens are invited to provide their comments and feedback on the priorities for where funding should be distributed in this community from the CDBG.

Comments received will assist the city in the development of the city’s 2016-2017 action plan. The action plan serves as the guide for addressing overall community development and housing needs that will utilize the annual entitlement of the CDBG funding available from the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

In addition to the public hearing, a training session will be held for applicants interested in applying to receive portions of this funding. **The training session will be held on Thursday, January 14 at 2:00 p.m. in City Hall, 409 S. Main St.**

It is anticipated that the city will receive approximately \$540,000 in funding for the next year. Applications for requests are due no later than February 18 at 12:00 p.m.

### What is the CDBG Program?

The CDBG Program is authorized under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1975, as amended. The primary objective is the development of viable urban communities, achieved by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities, principally for those of low and moderate to low incomes.

It is the city’s intention to solicit applications for CDBG funding each year from local government agencies, non-profit organizations, and for-profit businesses for projects that meet HUD/CDBG objectives.

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**Past Projects**

Since 2004, the city has been a participating CDBG Entitlement Community and listed below are some examples of projects or organizations that have received this funding:

- A Dream Come True Playground;
- Sidewalks along East Gay Street;
- Westover Park;
- Sidewalks along West Mosby Road;
- Valley Association for Independent Living;
- Valley Program for Aging Services;
- Mercy House;
- Safe Routes to School at Waterman Elementary School; and
- Emergency preemption equipment on traffic signals.

Additional information is available at [www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/CDBG](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/CDBG). An application package is available by emailing [CDBG@HarrisonburgVA.gov](mailto:CDBG@HarrisonburgVA.gov) or by calling 540-432-7701.

***The City of Harrisonburg** is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to approximately 50,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at [www.HarrisonburgVA.gov](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov).*



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