

Notice of Public Hearing before the Countryside City Council
Concerning Availability of Community Development Block Grant Funds

To whom it may concern:

Public Notice is hereby given to all persons in the City of Countryside, Illinois that the City intends to apply for 2010 federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds as administered by the Cook County Department of Planning and Development. As part of the process of developing the required application, the City will hold a public hearing at 1:30pm on Thursday, January 28th, 2010 in the Countryside City Hall located at 5550 East Avenue, Countryside, Illinois seeking input on community needs. The purpose of the hearing is to gather citizen's views, address proposals for funding, and respond to inquiries, including the assessment of needs, proposed grant uses, and performance reviews.

The primary objective of the CDBG program is the development of viable urban communities, by producing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income. The secondary objective of the CDBG program is the elimination of slum or blight, particularly in low and moderate income areas. The City is eligible to apply for a total of \$200,000 from Cook County for not more than two projects.

Applications may be submitted for the following project categories:

- Acquisition of real property, including vacant land and commercial structures;
- Single-family rehabilitation of owner-occupied units. Rehabilitation includes removal of architectural barriers for physically disabled persons;
- Demolition where total costs are at least \$20,000 per parcel;
- Housing-related services such as counseling and fair housing activities;
- Economic Development activities including: job training, rehabilitation of commercial structures;
- Public facilities such as parks, street improvements and neighborhood center;
- Public services directly related to housing and community development activities;
- Plans and studies related to the above activities.

For additional information please contact Bryan Swanson, Community Development Planner at City Hall, by phone 708.485.4775 or by email bswanson@countryside-il.org. All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing and be heard.