



City Council Regular Meeting
Meeting Minutes – City Hall Council Chambers, 2nd Floor

January 24, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

7:01 PM

Mayor, Stephen D. Murray III

Members of Council in attendance - Mike McFee, Josh Scallate and Mayor Murray.

Attended Virtually - Neil Lipsitz, Mitch Mitchell.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem, Mike McFee

III. PRESENTATIONS

A. Character Education Proclamation - Alese Binyard, Broad River Elementary School.

The Proclamation for Alese Binyard was read. She was unable to attend the last Council Meeting when the proclamation was approved.

IV. PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

A. Character Education Proclamation - Gavin Smalls, Beaufort Elementary School.

Motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem, McFee and seconded by Councilman Lipsitz.

All were in favor, motion carried.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2023 Needs Assessment.

Barbara Johnson, Community and Economic Development Specialist with the Lowcountry Council of Governments, gave an overview of the CDBG grant program. Notice of the hearing was published in the Beaufort Gazette on Tuesday, January 10, 2023. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes.

VII. MINUTES

Worksession and Regular Meeting - January 10, 2023.

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Lipsitz and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, McFee.

Minutes approved as presented.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance amending Part 3, Chapter 2, Section 3-2002, of the City Code of Ordinances concerning fees for docking on the seawall at the Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park - 2nd reading.

Motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem, McFee and seconded by Councilman Mitchell.

A rate change is being requested from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per linear foot.

All were in favor, motion carried.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Request from Beaufort Water Festival for use of the Waterfront Park, street closures, sale of alcohol, use of seawall, day dock, waiver of noise ordinances and sponsorship for Opening Ceremony Fireworks for the 67th Annual Beaufort Water Festival, July 14 - 23, 2023.

Motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem, McFee and seconded by Councilman Scallate.

All were in favor, motion carried.

X. REPORTS

City Manager's Report

Scott Marshall stated that he is happy to be here.

Mentioned that the Martin Luther King Day Parade was well supported by the Fire and Police Departments.

Reported that there was an Old Commons Neighborhood Meeting held on January 19, 2023. Police Chief Dale McDorman, and other members of the department were in attendance.

Thanked Ivette Burgess and the Human Resources staff for a great Kickoff the New Year Employee Appreciation Luncheon. Congratulated Kristy Kittle on being named the most Outstanding Employee for the second half of 2022.

Announced that the City closed on the sale of the property located at 1505 North Street to Beaufort County.

The City received a \$2,000 fire grant from the Municipal Association of South Carolina for the purchase of firefighter turnout gear.

A "Point in Time" Homeless Survey will be done by the Human Services Department with Beaufort County who will be assisted by the United Way. The data gathered is used to help establish eligibility for grants and other funding opportunities.

Mentioned that the City of Beaufort made the top 10 list of Friendliest Towns in America by TheTravel.com., a travel website. Beaufort ranked number one.

Mayor's Report

Attended the Beaufort County Economic Development Corporation Strategic Planning Retreat. He reported that the City had a little over 58 million dollars in Capital Investments, and 1,400 new jobs were created.

Reported that the South Coast Cyber Security Summit will be held on March 20 - 21, 2023. Registration is open.

The 2023 Techstars Startup Weekend will be held March 24 - 26, 2023.

Stated that the City of Beaufort and the Town of Port Royal have officially become members of Southern Lowcountry Regional Group and are now voting members.

Councilman Mitchell

Nothing to report.

Councilman Lipsitz

Stated that he and Councilman Scallate attended the Old Commons meeting.

Was happy to have been a judge in the Beaufort Oyster Festival and stated it was a great event.

Councilman Scallate

Stated that the "Point In Time" Homeless Survey that is taking place on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, is a nationwide event and has volunteered to help in this effort.

Mayor Pro Tem, McFee

Volunteered for the Beaufort Oyster Festival and was happy to see such an amazing crowd in attendance.

Stated that the "Point In Time" Survey sets a standard for grant funds and State Housing funds that can be received.

He will also be attending a Local Area Transportation meeting next Friday.

All of Council thanked Ivette Burgess and her staff for a great Kickoff the New Year Event and congratulated Kristy Kittle on her being named the Outstanding Employee for the second half of 2022.

XI. ADJOURN

7:41 PM

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Lipsitz and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, McFee.

All were in favor, motion carried.

Disclaimer: This document is a summary. All City Council Worksession and Regular Meetings are recorded. Live stream can be found on the City's website at www.cityofbeaufort.org (Agenda section). Any questions, please contact the City Clerk, Traci Guldner at 843-525-7024 or by email at tguldner@cityofbeaufort.org.

2023
Community Development
Block Grant (CDBG)

Program Year: April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024

Community and Economic Development
Strengthening People Strengthening Communities



www.lowcountrycog.org

FAIR HOUSING IS THE LAW

Also, as a part of the requirements of the program, the locality is expected to undertake activities that promote Fair Housing. Title VIII of the Civil Rights of 1968 stipulates that we all have the right to be treated fairly regardless of our



In the sale and rental of housing
In residential real estate transactions
In the provision of brokerage services

If you believe that you have been a victim of discriminatory housing practices, you have avenues by which the matter can be investigated.



The City of Beaufort and Lowcountry Council of Governments are committed to Fair Housing.

For more information contact

LCOG at (843) 473-3990.

The SC CDBG Program is designed to provide assistance to units of local government in improving economic opportunities and meeting community revitalization needs, particularly for persons of low and moderate income (LMI).

LMI QUALIFIED

Beaufort County

1 Person

2 People

3 People

4 People

5 People

\$48,550

\$55,500

\$62,450

\$69,350

\$74,900

2022 Income Limits effective June 15, 2022 (cdbgsc.com)

The CDBG program has been funded through the State since 1982 by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under **Title I of the Housing Community Development Act of 1974 as amended (Title I).**

The CDBG program is administered by the S C Department of Commerce, Division of Grants Administration

The allocation for 2023 is **approximately \$19,740,854.**

SC STATE CONSOLIDATED PLAN
FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Draft 2023 Action Plan

Written comments on the plan can be submitted from

Email: lross@sccommerce.com

Mail: SC Department of Commerce
Grants Administration
1201 Main Street, Suite 1600
Columbia, SC 29201

GRANT PROGRAM CATEGORIES

There are three broad grant program categories:

- **Community Development**
- **Business Development**
- **Regional Planning**

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE \$10,948,629
APPLICATION REQUEST March 17, 2023 APPLICATION DEADLINE April 17, 2023
WATER
SEWER
DRAINAGE
ROADS
MINIMUM FUNDING AMOUNT - \$50,000 MAXIMUM FUNDING AMOUNT - \$1,000,000

LOCAL PRIORITIES \$1,000,000
APPLICATION REQUEST August 15, 2023 APPLICATION DEADLINE September 15, 2023
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY, QUALITY OF LIFE, AND SUSTAINABILITY
RESILIENCY AND NARROW THE DIGITAL DIVIDE
MINIMUM FUNDING AMOUNT - \$50,000 MAXIMUM FUNDING AMOUNT - \$300,000

COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT \$3,000,000
APPLICATION REQUEST August 15, 2023 APPLICATION DEADLINE September 15, 2023
BROWNFIELD PROJECTS/DEMOLITION OBSOLETE BUILDINGS
DOWNTOWN STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS*
PLANNING FOR REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE (\$25,000 maximum)
LIBRARIES
PUBLICLY OWNED FACILITIES
TRANSPORTATION-ORIENTED PUBLIC FACILITIES
PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES/SERVICES
DEMOLITION VACANT, DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES TO ADDRESS/SUPPORT CRIME PREVENTION
FIRE SUBSTATIONS OR FIRE TRUCKS
HEALTH CLINIC FACILITIES/EQUIPMENT
PUBLIC FACILITY MODIFICATIONS
NEW SIDEWALKS IN LMI AREAS
MINIMUM FUNDING AMOUNT - \$50,000 MAXIMUM FUNDING AMOUNT - \$750,000

READY TO GO \$600,000
APPLICATION REQUEST ONGOING APPLICATION DUE 30 DAYS AFTER REQUEST
ACTIVITIES LISTED IN COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE & COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT
MINIMUM FUNDING AMOUNT - \$50,000 MAXIMUM FUNDING AMOUNT - \$500,000* (*maximum waiver available)
NATIONAL OBJECTIVE
•Benefit low-to-moderate income ("LMI") Persons
•Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight
•Meet other urgent community needs posing a serious threat to the health or welfare of the community

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION \$1,000,000- MUST HAVE A PLAN
APPLICATION REQUEST August 15, 2023 APPLICATION DEADLINE September 15, 2023
INFRASTRUCTURE - WATER, SEWER, ROADS, DRAINAGE
PUBLIC FACILITIES (SIDEWALKS, SECURITY LIGHTING, CAMERAS, POLICE SUBSTATIONS)
HOUSING - INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT AFFORDABLE HOUSING
HOUSING - LIMITED EXTERIOR ONLY
DEMOLITION AND CLEARANCE OF VACANT/DILAPIDATED PROPERTIES
PUBLIC SERVICES (CRIME WATCH PROGRAM, DRUG/GANG EDUCATION, AWARENESS/PREVENTION PROGRAMS)
MINIMUM FUNDING AMOUNT - \$50,000 MAXIMUM FUNDING AMOUNT - \$750,000

10% MATCH REQUIREMENT FOR ALL PROJECTS

GRANT PROGRAM CATEGORIES

Business Development Program: \$2,000,000

This program provides financial resources for local governments to pursue opportunities that create new jobs, retain existing employment, stimulate private investment, and revitalize or facilitate the competitiveness of the local economy. Funding will be prioritized based on the following order:

1. New or expanding businesses tied to job creation
2. Area economic development activities not associated with job creation
3. New or expanding local businesses that provide essential goods and services in predominately LMI communities

Regional Planning Program: \$500,000

This program is designed to provide CDBG funds to Councils of Governments to assist local governments in developing plans and building local community development capacity.

State TA & Admin: \$ 692,225

OPPORTUNITY ZONES

Projects located in Opportunity Zones will receive an additional 10 bonus points (scopportunityzone.com)



PERFORMANCE THRESHOLD

A unit of local government can apply for an additional Community Development grant if it has no more than two open CDBG grants (excluding Business Development or Regional Planning grants).

However, the open grants must not have exceeded a

PERFORMANCE THRESHOLD

No more than one Neighborhood Revitalization/Village Renaissance or streetscape project.

No more than one Ready to Go project.

No more than one project for the same general target area/neighborhood open at the same time, unless the current project is under construction.

BEAUFORT COUNTY/ LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL HOME CONSORTIUM

The Beaufort County/Lowcountry Regional HOME Consortium (LRHC) is comprised of the following counties: Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton, and Jasper and all 21 municipalities in the region.

BEAUFORT COUNTY/ LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL HOME CONSORTIUM

TOP THREE OBJECTIVES:

1. Rehabilitation of substandard housing
2. Increase accessibility to adequate and affordable housing
3. Support the development and availability of safe, decent, and affordable housing

BEAUFORT COUNTY/ LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL HOME CONSORTIUM

Beaufort, Hampton, Colleton and Jasper Counties have areas that are in need of affordable housing, rehabilitation of substandard housing, and demolition of vacant/dilapidated houses.

As the housing stock ages, there becomes a greater need for rehabilitation of substandard houses and the number of vacant/dilapidated houses increases while increasing the number of persons at risk for homelessness.

Please give us a list of the priority housing needs for your area to be considered in our upcoming 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan to be submitted to HUD by April 28, 2023.