

**PROJECT INFORMATION
REQUEST FOR USE APPROVAL
CITY OF NEWPORT CDBG PROGRAM INCOME
NEWPORT EMERGENCY BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

This information addresses Items A. – E. of the attached Public Hearing Notice.

A. The range of activities eligible for funding with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Income dollars is covered in the [Categories of Eligible Activities document](#) which is posted on the [City of Newport’s website \(www.newportky.gov\)](http://www.newportky.gov)

The City of Newport proposes to use approximately \$60,000 in CDBG Program Income for the Newport Emergency Business Assistance Program.

In prior years, the City of Newport received CDBG Economic Development and CDBG Housing grants and these grant funds were loaned to developers renovating properties in the City. Funds collected from repayment of these loans are considered CDBG Program Income and over time the City has used these repayments for various projects, some of which are described in Section D. below.

B. In order to meet CDBG requirements, at least 51% of all CDBG Program Income funds must support activities or projects benefiting person of low to moderate income (LMI). LMI levels are based on the number of persons in households benefitting from CDBG-funded activities or projects and these levels are established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Persons residing in households with annual gross income of less than those shown below are considered to be Low to Moderate Income persons.

<u>PERSONS IN HOUSEHOLD</u>	<u>ANNUAL GROSS HOUSEHOLD INCOME</u>
1	less than \$45,550
2	less than \$52,050
3	less than \$58,550
4	less than \$65,050
5	less than \$70,300
6	less than \$75,500
7	less than \$80,700
8 or more	less than \$85,900

At least 51% of the employees of businesses receiving assistance from the NEWPORT EMERGENCY BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM must come from households of Low to Moderate Income as shown in the above information.

C. No persons will be displaced by the proposed project.

D. The City of Newport has received more than 15 prior CDBG awards for economic development (redevelopment of the former Palm Beach property), affordable rental housing development (St. Vincent School conversion) and development of affordable owner-occupied housing throughout the City. CDBG funding also assisted in construction of the Buenger Boys and Girls Club and CDBG funds secured by the Campbell County Fiscal Court assisted in development of the Scholar House residences and the Scholar House Child Development Center.

CDBG Program Income funds have been used to make streetscape improvements on Monmouth Street, with the next phase of that work scheduled to begin in May, 2020.

Current CDBG-funded activities are rehabilitation of single-family homes on West 10th and Columbia Streets in Newport. When completed, these homes will be sold to low to moderate income owner-occupants.

E. A full listing of CDBG program requirements can be found on-line by entering 24 CFR Part 570 in the search bar of your computer.