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**AGENDA
BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Special Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 1, 2012**

**Commissioners' Conference Room, Benton County Justice Center
7122 W. Okanogan Place, Building A
Kennewick, WA**

1:30 PM **Public Hearing**
Community Development Block Grant Application – Ed Thornbrugh

Public Hearing Notice

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on May 1, 2012 at 1:30 pm by the Benton County Board of County Commissioners in the Commissioners' Board Room at the Justice Center located at 7122 W. Okanogan Place, Kennewick WA 99336.

The purpose of the public hearing is to review community development and housing needs, inform citizens of the availability of funds and eligible uses of the state Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and receive comments on proposed activities, particularly from lower income persons residing in the Benton and Franklin Counties areas.

Up to \$78,108 will be available to Benton County and Benton Franklin Community Action Committee to fund public service activities that principally benefit low- and moderate- income persons.

An overview of the proposed public services will be available for review at Benton Franklin Department of Human Services, 7102 W. Okanogan Place, Suite 201, Kennewick, WA after April 25th or by calling 509 783-5284. Comments may be submitted in writing to Benton Franklin Department of Human Services, 7102 W. Okanogan Place, Suite 201, Kennewick, WA 99336 until May 1st.

A Spanish interpreter will be available. The Commissioners' Board Room is handicap accessible. Additional arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs will be made upon receiving 24-hour advance notice. Contact Ed Thornbrugh or Tracy Diaz at (509) 783-5284.

BENTON
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Committee**

April 20, 2012

Ed Thornbrugh, Administrator
 Benton Franklin Department of Human Services
 7102 Okanogan Suite 201
 Kennewick, WA 99336

RE: CDBG Funding

Based on the feed back that Community Action Connections (CAC) has received to date; CAC is proposing to hire a full-time bi-lingual Family Development Specialist who will be trained in the delivery of all programs available through the CAC and those that can be delivered under the needs assessment requests based on funding availability. Staff would complete eligibility, assessment and delivery of services in the rural non-entitlement areas for Franklin County specifically Connell, Mesa, Basin City and the rural non-entitlement areas for Benton County specifically Benton City, West Richland and additional services if needed for Prosser. Staff would be station at the point of delivery at varied pre-established days and scheduled hours in the rural cities of Connell and Benton City.

CAC will make every effort to obtain donated space and provide through CDBG funding staff wages/benefits, an internet Wi-Fi computer, cell phone, copier, printer, supplies, and travel reimbursement/per-diem if applicable. Any additional remaining dollars would be used for direct services as needed. In our meetings with the staff of the City of Connell, West Richland, Prosser and Benton City believes that this would bring the point of services to the applicant who is already suffering financial hardships. All services would be provided in both English and Spanish.

CAC has met and provided an Orientation/Overview of projected services with:

1. Mayor Gary Walton, Steve Taylor, Administrator and the City Clerk/Treasure for the City of Connell on Wednesday, March 28th at 2:30 PM in Connell.
 - Forum is scheduled in Connell at the Civic Center for 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM on April 26, 2012 for all of the non-entitlement areas in Franklin County including Basin City, Mesa, and Kaholtus.
2. City Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Haug for Benton City, Mayor Paul Warden for Prosser, Mayor Donna Noski for West Richland on April 9th at 2:00 PM in Benton City.
 - Forum is scheduled in Prosser for 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM on April 24, 2012 for the non-entitlement areas of Prosser, Patterson, and Plymouth.
 - Forum is scheduled in Benton City for 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM on April 25, 2012 for the non-entitlement areas of Benton City and West Richland

Forum notices were sent to Tri-City Herald, Franklin County Graphic, and Prosser Record Bulletin and to local radio and TV stations. Flyers were posted around the cities to notify the residence.

- A special 'Needs Assessment' Form (English and Spanish) was developed and will be distributed and collected at the meetings to be entered into a database to determine the priority of needs.
- Number of services will depend on need assessment results.

Attached are copies of the survey forms (English and Spanish) and the news release. If there are any questions please let me know.

Sincerely your,

Judith A. Gidley
 Executive Director

COMMUNITY ACTION CONNECTIONS (CAC)

Hello-

Community Action Connections (CAC) would like your input on how we can best serve your community. Please let us know which of the services provided by the CAC you think are most needed or would be used by your household.

CAC Basic Community Needs Survey

1. Please check the boxes next to what you think are most needed in your community. Feel free to check any additional need and write it in:

Housing Services

- Rental Assistance
- Eviction Prevention
- First Month/Deposit
- Minor Home Repair
- Weatherization
- Utility Assistance
- Landlord Tenant Laws
- Emergency Shelter
- _____
- _____
- _____

Referral to Services

- Veterans Assistance
- Disabled Assistance
- Health Insurance
- Emergency Food
- Document Replace
- Child Care
- Legal Assistance
- Mental Health
- Chemical Dependency
- Youth Mentoring
- Job Training
- _____

Education Services

- Employment Readiness
- Adult Literacy
- GED Preparation
- Parenting Skills
- Financial Literacy
- Computer Skills
- Anger Management
- Stress/Self Esteem
- Ready to Rent/First Steps
- Become Self-sufficient
- Cooking on a Budget
- _____

Transportation Services

- Bus Pass
- _____

Miscellaneous Services

- Prescriptions
- Diapers
- Basic Foods Program
- _____
- _____

2. If you have had or are currently experiencing problems getting help, why?

- Don't know where to go
- Missing documents
- No service close to where I live
- Can't get time off from work
- Need transportation
- Other: _____
- Other: _____

3. Please mark the one that best represents your household make-up:

- Single Woman
- Woman with Children
- 2 Adults with Children
- Youth over 18
- Single Man
- Man with Children
- 2 Adults without Children
- Under 18 with children
- _____ Total Number in Household
- _____ Number of Children under 18

4. City where you live:

- Connell
- Mesa
- Basin City
- Eltopia
- Kahlotus
- Other: _____
- Prosser
- Plymouth
- Benton City
- Patterson
- West Richland
- Other: _____

Is there anything else you would like us to know concerning needs in your community?

Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

If you need immediate assistance or have any questions call the Community Action Connections at (509) 545-4042 Ext.200. Mail survey to CAC – 720 W. Court Street – Pasco, WA 99301

Thank you from Your Friends at CAC!

COMMUNITY ACTION CONNECTIONS (CAC)

Hola-

La oficina de Community Action Connections (CAC) quisiera saber su opinión para servir mejor a la comunidad. Favor de compartir con nosotros su opinión, al llenar la siguiente encuesta, para saber cuales son los servicios más necesitados de la comunidad.

Encuesta de CAC para Necesidades Básicas de la Comunidad

1. Favor de marcar las necesidades que usted cree sean las más necesitadas en nuestra comunidad:

Servicios de Vivienda

- Ayuda con alquiler
- Prevención de desalojo
- Primer Mes/Deposito
- Reparaciones menores del hogar
- Insulación térmica
- Ayuda con utilidades
- Leyes para inquilinos y dueños
- Albergue de Emergencia
- _____
- _____
- _____

Referimiento para Servicios

- Ayuda para veteranos
- Ayuda para incapacitados
- Seguro de Salud
- Ayuda con alimentos de emergencia
- Reponer documentos
- Cuidado de niños
- Ayuda legal
- Servicios para salud mental
- Dependencia química
- Mentores para Jóvenes
- Entrenamiento para empleo
- _____

Servicios Educativos

- Preparación para Empleo
- Alfabetización de Adultos
- Preparación para el GED
- Habilidades de padres
- Educación financiera
- Conocimiento de computación
- Clases sobre el manejo de enojo
- Estrés/Autoestima
- Listo para Alquilar/Primeros Paso
- Ser autosuficiente
- Cocinar en presupuesto
- _____

Servicios de Transportación

- Pase para autobús
- _____

Servicios Misceláneos

- Recetas médicas
- Pañales
- Programa de Comida Básica
- _____
- _____

2. ¿Ha tenido o actualmente tiene problemas para conseguir ayuda, por qué?

- No hay servicio
- No tengo transporteación
- Otro: _____
- No puedo por mi trabajo
- No encuentro el servicio cerca de donde vivo
- Otro: _____
- No tengo todos los documentos

3. Favor de marcar la que mejor representa su hogar:

- Mujer Soltera
 - Mujer con niños
 - 2 Adultos con niños
 - Joven mayor de 18
 - Hombre Soltero
 - Hombre con niños
 - 2 Adultos sin niños
 - Menores de 18 con niños
- El Numero total en el Hogar _____ Numero de niños menores de 18 _____

4. La ciudad donde vive:

- Connell
- Mesa
- Basin City
- Eltopia
- Kahlotus
- Other: _____
- Prosser
- Plymouth
- Benton City
- Patterson
- West Richland
- Other: _____

¿Hay algo más que desea compartir con nosotros a cerca de las necesidades en nuestra comunidad?

Gracias por compartir sus opiniones con nosotros. Apreciamos mucho su ayuda!

Si necesita ayuda de inmediata o tiene alguna pregunta llame a Community Action Connections al (509) 545-4042 Ext.200. Envíe su encuesta a CAC – 720 W. Court Street – Pasco, WA 99301

Gracias, Sus Amigos de CAC!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Community Action Connections (CAC) will hold public forums on the following days/times for residence input regarding what types of services are needed and to notify residence of proposed service changes for the rural areas of Benton and Franklin Counties. Meetings are open for all residence that live in Prosser, Plymouth, Patterson, Connell, Basin City, Mesa, Kahlotus, Benton City and West Richland to attend and give your input.

A survey form will be available for you to complete at the forums or you can pick one up at the Connell, Prosser, Benton City or West Richland City halls or the CAC office located at 424 6th Street Suite 2 in Prosser. Please either mail to CAC or hand delivery them back to our Prosser office or a city hall near you. Forms will be available in English and Spanish.

April 24, 2012 from 6 pm – 7pm in Prosser at the Benton County PUD building located at 250 N. Gap Rd, Prosser, WA.

April 25, 2012 from 6 pm – 7 pm in Benton City at the City Hall building located at 708 9th St., Benton City, WA

April 26, 2012 from 6 pm – 7 pm in Connell at the Connell Community Center located at 211 E. Elm, Connell, WA

For more information please contact CAC at 720 W. Court St – Pasco, WA – 509-545-4042.

Contact: Cathy Merrill Holle or Judith A. Gidley at 509-545-4042