

MINUTES  
TERRELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PUBLIC HEARING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2019

TIME: 11:30 A.M.

PLACE: TERRELL COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING

COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF PRESENT: INTERIM COUNTY CLERK CHARLENE FARMER

PRESENT: BRENDA WADE OF SOUTHWEST GEORGIA REGIONAL COUNCIL (NO AUDIENCE ATTENDEES)

CALL TO ORDER - CHARLENE FARMER

PURPOSE OF MEETING – TO OBTAIN CITIZENS' INPUT AS IT RELATES TO THE GRANT, TO ACTUALLY GO OVER THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROGRAM AS WELL AS THE GUIDELINES OF THE CDBG FUNDS AND FORMS THAT HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED, AND THE SELECTION OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES – ALSO THE PURPOSE IS TO INFORM THE PUBLIC THAT THE TERRELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IS SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION TO REHAB AND EXPAND THE ASPIRE BEHAVIORIAL DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FACILITIES AND EXPAND THEIR SERVICES.

BRENDA WADE EXPLAINED HOW COMPETITIVE THE APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT FUNDS CAN BE. TERRELL COUNTY WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE GROUP OF SMALL COMMUNITIES OVER THE STATE OF GEORGIA APPLYING FOR THE FUNDS. APPLICATIONS ARE RATED BY POINTS. THESE POINTS ARE RECEIVED BY MEETING SPECIFIED REQUIREMENTS REGARDING STRATEGIES, DISABILITIES, AND IMPACTS. THE GOAL IS TO SHOW THE STATE OF GEORGIA THE NEED FOR UPGRADING THE FACILITY AND EXPANDING THE SERVICES. COMMENTS FROM SOME OF THE PERSONS WHO RECEIVE SERVICES FROM ASPIRE WILL BE NEEDED TO SHOW THE STATE THAT THESE SERVICES ARE NEEDED IN THIS AREA. THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (DCA) REQUIRES A DEED PROVING TERRELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HAS OWNERSHIP OF THE BUILDING AND PROPERTY. A CURRENT LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF TERRELL COUNTY AND THE ALBANY AREA COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD dba ASPIRE BEHAVIORIAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SERVICES IS ALSO REQUIRED. BARBARA REDDICK IS THE GRANT WRITER AND BRENDA WADE IS THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GRANT.

ARCHITECTURAL PROPOSALS – ONE ASPECT OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS IS THE REQUEST FOR ARCHITECTURAL PROPOSALS (RFP). THE RFP MUST BE PUBLISHED IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER FOR FOUR (4) WEEKS. THE DEADLINE IS MARCH 4, 2019. THE EVALUATION OF THE PROPOSALS FOR AN ARCHITECT WILL BE DONE AT THE NEXT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING WHICH IS MARCH 5, 2019. THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION TO THE STATE IS APRIL 1, 2019.

LANGUAGE ACCESS PLAN – THIS PLAN IS REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS WHEN IT IS DETERMINED THAT THE PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE WHO SPEAK ANOTHER LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH IS OVER FIVE PERCENT (5%). DUE TO TERRELL COUNTY HAVING A SPANISH SPEAKING POPULATION OF OVER FOURTEEN PERCENT (14%), A LANGUAGE ACCESS PLAN IS NECESSARY. ALL NOTICES AND MATERIALS MUST BE PUBLISHED IN BOTH ENGLISH AND SPANISH. TERRELL COUNTY HAS MET THIS REQUIREMENT AND THE PLAN WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE STATE.

GRANT LIMIT - \$500,000.00 -- THE GRANT AWARD AMOUNT INCLUDES THE COSTS OF THE RECONSTRUCTION AND UPGRADE OF THE BUILDING, THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, AND ADMINISTRATION COSTS.

PROGRAMS LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENTS – A \$10,000.00 LOCAL CASH MATCH IS REQUIRED BY THE PROGRAM. ASPIRE HAS AGREED TO PAY THE \$10,000.00 MATCH. DOCUMENTATION WILL BE SUBMITTED TO SHOW THIS AGREEMENT.

GRANT DEADLINE - APRIL 1, 2019

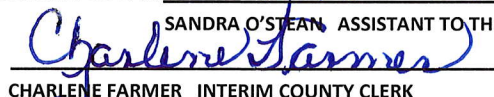
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RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:



SANDRA O'STEAN, ASSISTANT TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

APPROVED BY:



CHARLENE FARMER, INTERIM COUNTY CLERK

DATE APPROVED:

