

## **CERTIFIED MINUTES**

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG) PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT VILLAGE OF ASHMORE**

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Thursday, October 22, 2024, ~~6:45 pm~~ 5:45 pm**

The Village of Ashmore President, Kurt Crail, called the public hearing concerning the Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) Public Infrastructure proposal to order. He then introduced the grant consultant for the proposed project. The mechanics of the proposed Public Infrastructure project were discussed as follows:

#### THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS AVAILABLE

The Village of Ashmore is applying for a \$945,000 grant from the CDBG fund.

#### THE PROJECT ACTIVITIES THAT WILL BE UNDERTAKEN WITH CDBG FUNDING

The Village of Ashmore is applying for a grant for CDBG construction funds to serve the residents with improvements to the water system. The village has a high concentration of low-to-moderate income families and there is health and safety threat to the residents. The CDBG grant is funded by the Federal Government and administered by the State. The State allocates the funds to various local government units through a competitive application process. For the Public Infrastructure Component, the applications are due December 4, 2024. The project will consist of the installation of watermain, appurtenances and all related costs in the Village of Ashmore.

#### THE PROJECT ACTIVITIES THAT WILL BE UNDERTAKEN WITH ADDITIONAL PROJECT FUNDING

No additional project funding.

#### THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT PROPOSED FOR ACTIVITIES THAT WILL BENEFIT LOW-TO-MODERATE INCOME INDIVIDUALS

Of the requested \$945,000 public infrastructure construction CDBG grant, 55.40%, or \$523,530.00 will benefit low-to-moderate income individuals.

#### PLANS FOR MINIMIZING DISPLACEMENT AS A RESULT OF THE CDBG GRANT-ASSISTED ACTIVITIES AND TO ASSIST PERSONS ACTUALLY DISPLACED, IF APPLICABLE

A plan to minimize displacement and provide assistance to those displaced has been prepared by the Village of Ashmore Board of Trustees and is also available to the public. This project will result in no displacement of any persons or businesses.

### A DETAILED PRIORITIZED LIST OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING NEEDS

It was explained that the CDBG program requires the Village to discuss and determine short and long term housing and community development needs and activities. After some discussion, these were identified as follows:

1. Upgrades to the Village's water system.
2. Equipment purchases including a new backhoe for the Village.
3. Major storm drainage improvements including new culverts, and ditch maintenance.
4. Housing rehabilitation projects of single family/owner occupied homes in the Village.
5. Sidewalk improvements
6. Drainage improvements throughout the Village

### A NARRATIVE DISCUSSION OF THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT INCLUDING THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS, COSTS, BENEFIT AREA, IMPACT ON COMMUNITY FINANCES, ETC.

The proposed construction consists of the installation of watermain, appurtenances, and all related costs in the Village of Ashmore. With the construction, the health and safety threat to the residents will be addressed.

The Village of Ashmore is applying for a \$945,000.00 grant from the Community Development Assistance Program.

According to the LMISD 2016-2020 ACS, 55.4% of the residents (565 LMI persons) in the Village of Ashmore, are considered low-to-moderate income. There will be no displacement of occupied households or businesses as a result of the proposed activities. The entire village will benefit. Construction will occur in Section 31 in Township 12N, Range 11E – 14W (Ashmore Township in Coles County), along Charleston Road, Iowa Street, Robertson Court, and Cedar Street.

The Village of Ashmore does not have the funds to help finance the interconnection. The Village of Ashmore has approximately \$10,600 in cash and cash equivalents in their water account, which is significantly less than the requested grant amount. Once the Village pays all costs outside the grant the Village's funds will be depleted. The Village has a financial need for this CDBG grant.

In addition an overview of the CDBG program was presented which includes:

1. The Public Infrastructure Program component is a competitive application program which has an estimated \$19,500,000 allocated in its total budget.
2. The grant ceiling for public infrastructure grant is \$1,000,000.
3. Eligible public infrastructure activities are for water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer projects. Construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, demolition or installation of public improvements are eligible activities.

The floor was opened to questions and comments from the audience and none were received.

It was announced that a copy of the grant application records will be available at Village Hall.

As there were no other questions, President Kurt Crail adjourned the meeting 6:00 pm.

**I certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate summary of the above referenced CDAP public hearing held at the Village of Ashmore on October 22, 2024.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Kurt Crail, Village President  
Village of Ashmore

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Date

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Jackie Freezeland, Village Clerk  
Village of Ashmore

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Date