

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON
SUBMISSION OF A SMALL CITIES
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
(SCDP) APPLICATION BY
LAKE COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

Tuesday, February 6, 2018. Lake County Service Center, Split Rock River Room, 616 Third Avenue, Two Harbors, Minnesota. County Commissioners Present: District 1 Commissioner Peter R. Walsh, District 2 Commissioner Derrick (Rick) L. Goutermont, District 3 Commissioner Richard (Rick) C. Hogenson, District 4 Commissioner Jeremy M. Hurd, District 5 Commissioner Rich Sve. Absent: None. Also present: County Administrator Matthew Huddleston and Clerk of the Board Laurel D. Buchanan

At 2:26 p.m., a public hearing was convened for the Minnesota Small Cities Development Program (SCDP) 2018 Application, in which Lake County is the applicant, on behalf of the Lake County Housing Initiative. Barb Ackerson, Community Assistance Technical Manager from the Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (AEOA) reviewed the project application that is proposed to be submitted to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED). Lake County will be the applicant on behalf of the City of Silver Bay. AEOA will administer the grant and work with property owners. The Lake County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) as the Implementing Agency has provided match funding for the project. The application will request funds for 15 owner-occupied housing rehabilitation and seven (7) commercial properties in the identified area of Silver Bay. The proposed application, if selected by DEED, would result in grant dollars for these projects.

Ms. Ackerson discussed differences in loan structure for this year compared to previous years of SCDP projects. County Commissioners asked questions about where eligible commercial businesses are located. Ms. Ackerson reviewed the target area maps included in the application. The primary targeted area, Map A, has first priority, and the next priority are properties located in Map B. Commissioners asked questions about property owners' interest in participating in the program. Information collected on the survey is necessary in determining whether the community is eligible to receive the grant. Property owners responding to the surveys indicated that they were interested in the proposed SCDP Loan. The surveys are an indication of interest that builds support for the application. Interest surveys are required as part of the pre-application process. Interested parties will have equal opportunity to apply.

Ms. Ackerson discussed the proposed project and resolutions that would need to be approved by the County Board of Commissioners in order for the application to be submitted in advance of the due date. Applications are due to DEED by 4:30 pm on February 22, 2018. Ms. Buchanan clarified that Local Government Resolution and the Citizen Participation Plan would be signed after the Board of Commissioners' action meeting on February 13, 2018. No public comments were made during the public hearing and no comments were received in writing in advance of the public hearing.

The public hearing was closed at 2:38 p.m.

ATTEST:

Laurel D. Buchanan
Clerk of the Board

Rich Sve, Chairperson
Lake County Board of Commissioners