

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

Tuesday, February 12, 2019. 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. Absent: District 5 Commissioner Rich Sve. Also present: County Administrator Matthew Huddleston and Clerk of the Board Laurel D. Buchanan

At 2:00 p.m., Acting Chairperson Jeremy M. Hurd convened a public hearing for the Minnesota Small Cities Development Program (SCDP) 2019 Application, in which Lake County is the applicant, on behalf of the Lake County Housing Initiative. Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (AEOA) Housing Rehabilitation Manager Beth Davies 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 Two Harbors. 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 18 owner-occupied housing rehabilitation and six (6) commercial properties in the identified area of Two Harbors. The proposed application, if selected by DEED, would result in grant dollars for these projects.

Ms. Davies reviewed application attachments: Local Government Resolution (Attachment 1), Citizen Participation Plan (Attachment 2), Public Hearings (Attachment 3), Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form (Attachment 4), Timeline (Attachment 5), Interest List for rehabilitation activities (Attachment 6), and Slum and Blight Designation (Attachment 7).

Commissioners asked questions about the estimated amount of other funds and the sources of those leveraged funds. Ms. Davies talked about the Goals and Budget Table that is part of the application. Commissioners asked questions about property owners' interest in participating in the program. Ms. Davies advised that the Interest Lists were compiled from responses to a survey that was mailed to residences and commercial properties in Target Areas A & B. 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.

Applications are due to DEED by 4:30 pm on February 28, 2019. 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 2:06 p.m.

ATTEST:

Laurel D. Buchanan
Clerk of the Board

Jeremy M. Hurd, Acting Chairperson
Lake County Board of Commissioners