NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Jefferson County Community Development
2015 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Program

Overview

Jefferson County receives an annual funding allocation from the State of Colorado, Department of Local Affairs through the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Program. These funds are to be used to alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty in communities and to achieve the following goals for low-income individuals/families:

- Increased self-sufficiency,
- Improved living conditions,
- Ownership of and pride in their communities,
- Strong family and support systems.

Eligible Applicants

Jefferson County is currently accepting Applications from 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations and governmental agencies for projects within the County that will provide support for service programs that have measurable and significant impacts on the causes and effects of poverty. An estimated $300,000.00 will be available for projects that qualify. The County is looking to fund one to four (1-4) projects with a minimum budget of Fifty Thousand and no/100 dollars ($50,000.00).

Minimum Eligibility Requirements

The Community Services Advisory Board (CSAB) has elected to fund a *limited* number of projects for 2015. Funded projects must meet the following criteria in order to qualify:

1. CSBG funds must be used in Jefferson County and/or for projects within the boundaries of local jurisdictions that serve residents from the entire County. Agencies providing services to underserved populations (e.g. Hispanic, African-American, Russian, and Asian) are strongly encouraged to apply.

2. CSBG funds must serve residents who have total household incomes not greater than 125% of the most current published Federal Poverty level.

3. All projects funded with 2015 CSBG dollars must focus on **Self-Sufficiency and Employment Services**. This may include, but not be limited to, funding for Certificate programs, GED and other degree programs, ESL programs, re-education and job placement programs and internship and employment support programs, as well as long term family development services. Self-sufficiency programs must focus on barriers that interfere with a family's ability to maintain itself without outside aid, capable of providing for own needs.

4. All agencies who receive funding must demonstrate how they take a holistic approach to serving families. Part of this includes providing resources and/or referrals for basic needs, including food, shelter, housing, clothing and medical assistance.

Prior to applying, please determine if your agency meets the following minimum qualifications:

- Agency offers holistic services which meet basic needs and support the entire family YES/NO
- Project serves residents of Jefferson County YES/NO
- Project serves families at or below 125% of the Federal Poverty Level YES/NO
- Project is an Employment or Employment Support Program YES/NO

** If you answered **NO** to any of the above questions, this project is not eligible for 2015 CSBG funds.*

Notice of Intent Deadline

Notice of Intent to Apply is **Mandatory.** Please submit a Notice of Intent to Apply with brief description of program and budget amount by **June 19, 2014, 5:00 pm** via email to Missy Gildhouse.

Notice of Intent instructions:

- Provide a 275 or fewer word abstract that describes your proposal,
- Describe the problem and provide data/factual evidence,
- Describe your targeted population including such things as age, gender, ethnicity, geographic area, etc.

Technical Assistance

Technical assistance is available by contacting Missy Gildhouse at the Community Development office at mgildhou@jeffco.us or 303-271-8374.

Application Deadline

Applications can be found on the Community Development website at www.jeffco.us/commdev. Completed Applications must be sent via email to Gail Abney at gabney@jeffco.us by **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 15, 2014**.

If selected, Tuesday, September 16, 2014 from 8:00 – 5:00 p.m. Please arrange for staff to be available for CSBG funding interviews.