

**CITY OF CASEY PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES FOR CDBG HOUSING SUSTAINABILITY
APPLICATION**

A public hearing was held on July 8, 2021 as part of the Casey City Council meeting to hear comments on the city's application for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Housing Sustainability. The hearing was opened at 7:30 P.M. by Mayor Pro-Tem Leland Acker. The hearing was pursuant to the citizen participation requirements of Section 508 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987, as amended March 25, 1988. The Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) will advise all CDBG applicants and grantees of the requirements, and of acceptable means to amended, to ensure compliance with said requirements by all applicants for and recipients of CDBG funds administered by the State of Iowa. The public was informed that IEDA requires reasonable public access to all local meetings, project records and information relating to the proposed and actual use of CDBG funds. All CDBG related meetings should be conducted in public buildings.

The need for a housing sustainability program has been realized by the City of Casey through a Housing Needs Assessment, approved at the public hearing. The proposed project will provide exterior rehabilitation on 6 homes within the city limits of Casey. Homes will meet the IEDA Housing Sustainability Program standards and be lead safe upon completion. Families may be temporarily displaced during rehabilitation disturbing lead-based paint. Homeowners displaced for Lead Safe work activities will be relocated. No businesses will be displaced as a result of this proposed project.

The total project is estimated to be \$252,000 which includes grant administration of \$21,000 and Rehabilitation/Technical Services of \$231,000. The grant will be submitted on or before July 22, 2021. All funds will assist low or moderate-income homeowners at or below 80% AMI.

Community Development and Housing Needs were discussed: Major goals cited were: Apply for CDBG Housing sustainability funds to assist LMI persons with home repairs, continued work on existing water/sewer project which upgrades existing infrastructure. Efforts to meet these goals will include the following: Partner with USDA, COG Housing Trust Fund and New Opportunities for programs to preserve existing homes. Continue marketing of available buildings to businesses. Continue nuisance ordinance enforcement to assist in over-all street view of Casey, especially those located on main traffic routes through town. Identify vacant/blight structures the city may obtain and remove existing structures then offer the clean lots for new housing development. Continue to offer assistance with debris removal to residents of Casey. City will investigate options for a Housing Needs Assessment.

No comments were received.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:38 P.M.

Signed:

Leland Acker, Mayor Pro-Tem

Attested:

Gwen Blass, City Clerk