

CITY OF WAEOLDER
TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
2021-2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN & NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROVISIONS

The City of Waelder is planning to apply to the Texas Department of Agriculture/Texas Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA) for a grant under the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) – “2021-2022 Community Development Fund”. As part of this Community Development application process, the City of Waelder requests assistance from citizens in identifying community, housing, and economic development needs and selecting priorities. A total of one public hearing will be held.

PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing will be held at City Hall, 300 Highway 90 West, Waelder, Texas 78959, at 5:15 pm., on April 15, 2021. At this meeting, the following items will be discussed:

- Locality/TxCDBG Citizen Participation Plan and Public Hearing Provisions
- All eligible activities under the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG)
- Estimated amount of funds for activities that will meet the National Objective of benefit to low/moderate income persons.
- Level of TxCDBG funding available
- Use of past TxCDBG contract funds (if applicable)
- Identification of housing needs/community development and/or economic development needs
- Selection of priorities
- Submission of Views and Proposals regarding community development and housing needs
- Plans of the locality to minimize displacement of persons and to assist persons actually displaced as a result of activities assisted with TxCDBG funds (if applicable)

All interested parties, groups or individuals are encouraged to attend these public hearings and participate in the discussion of community development and housing needs and/or development of economic needs. The City will have available copies of the Local Community Needs Assessment forms for persons to complete. Due to the National Emergency concerning the **Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)** outbreak and restrictions on person interactions, citizens have the option to submit their public views and proposals regarding the community development and housing needs and/or economic development needs any time between regular business hours to the City Hall, Office of the Mayor, or by emailing comments to City Secretary Melinda Caballero at melinda@gvrc.com no later than April 22, 2021.

A copy of the application will be available for review at the City Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, on April 26, 2021.

Technical Assistance

The City will provide technical assistance to groups who represent persons of low and moderate income and/or who are residents of slum and blight areas in submitting their views and proposals regarding community development, housing and/or economic development needs and the use of TxCDBG funds.

Citizen Participation Plan & Public Hearing Provisions

The Citizen Participation Plan and Public Hearing Provisions are in compliance with the requirements of the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) TxCDBG program and are available for public inspection in accordance with Texas Civil Statutes, Article 6252-17a (as amended).

Accommodation for Non-English speaking residents and Limited English Proficiency (LEP)

The City will upon request provide an interpreter to accommodate the needs of the Non-English speaking residents and ensure nondiscrimination by taking reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access for person with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) by providing language assistance as appropriate. Persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) needs are asked to contact City Hall at least two (2) days prior to this hearing. Para mas información en español, comuníquese con la Oficina del Alcalde al (830) 965-1624.

Complaint Procedure Guide

The City will utilize a Complaint Procedure Guide that complies with the requirements of the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Complaint System; a copy of the procedure guide will be available for review at the City Hall.

Disabilities, Handicapped Accessibility & Non-English Speaking Residents

In accordance with the Americans Disabilities Act (ADA), “Individuals who require auxiliary aids and services for this meeting should contact the City Hall, Office of the Mayor at (830) 788-7331. Reasonable arrangements have been made to accommodate the accessibility needs of handicapped persons and non-English speaking residents and persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP), who attend the public hearing. Persons with disabilities who require Auxiliary Aids or services are asked to contact City Hall at least two (2) days prior to this hearing.

Compliance with all Federal, State and Local Program Requirements

The City will commit to comply with a Federal, State, and Local program requirements, including environmental review, labor standards, procurement, acquisition of property, civil rights, and administrative requirements of the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG).

Records and Additional Information

All records will be made available to the public in accordance with Texas Civil Statutes, Article 6252-17a (as amended). Any interested party requesting any special needs or desiring more information and/or technical assistance may contact the City Hall, Office of the Mayor at (830) 788-7331.

Community Assessment Form

Please identify any housing, community development, and economic development needs that you think our community needs. Feel free to submit your views or proposals regarding community development and housing needs with emphasis on persons of low to moderate income who are residents of slum or blighted areas. Write your comments below:

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