

**PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
FOR  
DCEO/CDAP COMPETITIVE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE  
GRANT APPLICATION  
VILLAGE OF CHAPIN  
CONSTRUCTION OF DISINFECTION EQUIPMENT  
VILLAGE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.  
VILLAGE HALL - CHAPIN, ILLINOIS**

On Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., prevailing time, a Public Hearing Meeting was held in the Village Hall, Chapin, Illinois to receive comments from the public regarding the submission of a Public Infrastructure Grant Application through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) for the purpose of installing disinfection equipment at the wastewater treatment facilities as per the current NPDES Permit.

Benton and Associates, Inc. is preparing the application for the Village of Chapin and Mr. Steve Gilbreth, representing Benton and Associates, Inc. informed the attendants of the following requirements which will be addressed in the application:

- **LOW-TO-MODERATE INCOME BENEFIT:** The project beneficiaries must be a minimum of 51% low-to-moderate income persons as determined by the methodology described in the CDAP guidelines. The Village is currently conducting a house-to-house income survey. As of this date, the results indicate the Village has a low-to-moderate ratio of 65.54%.
- **HEALTH THREAT:** Project must document the seriousness and urgency of the threat to the health and safety of the community's population. The need for this project is the result of the revocation of the year-round disinfection exemption as per IEPA'S letter dated October 28, 2014. Subsequently, IEPA issued a new NPDES permit containing a schedule for disinfection compliance by May 1, 2016.
- **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** CDAP/DCEO Grant funds will be used to leverage Village funds in the construction of chlorination/disinfection equipment at the wastewater treatment facilities in order to be compliant with the Village's new IEPA NPDES Permit.
- **PROJECT READINESS:** Project must document that the project is ready to proceed and expend funds. The Village has taken the necessary steps to insure that this project can proceed immediately upon formal release of DCEO funds. The Village is in the process of securing an IEPA construction permit prior to the submittal of this grant application. All work will be confined to Village owned property at the current wastewater treatment facilities.

- **FINANCIAL NEED:** The Village has approximately \$226,000 in unobligated sewer funds of which \$31,365 will be committed to the wastewater treatment facilities disinfection project and the approximate balance will be committed to the future lagoon system aeration equipment replacement project.

Mr. Gilbreth also provided the following information relating to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's various programs:

Funding Availability

For the year 2015, the State's Federal Community Development Assistance Program allocation is \$26,188,994. Each program component has a maximum funding level or grant ceiling. While grant ceilings establish the upper limits that may be requested, individual grants are invited only in amounts commensurate with requirements of the proposed project. Fund availability will be distributed as follows:

<u>Program Category</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Grant Ceiling</u>	<u>Application Deadline</u>
<b>ONGOING (non-competitive) PROGRAMS</b>			
Economic Development (ED)	\$2,000,000	\$750,000	N/A
Emergency Public Infrastructure (EPI)	\$2,803,325	\$200,000	N/A
<b>COMPETITIVE PROGRAMS</b>			
Public Infrastructure	14,000,000		7/8/2015
Public Infrastructure - Construction Only (PI)		\$450,000	
<i>(No less than \$1.5m awarded for Rural Water projects)</i>			
Public Infrastructure with Design Component (PI+DE)		\$450,000	
<i>(No more than \$150,000 in design costs, per grant)</i>			
Housing Rehabilitation	\$6,500,000	\$400,000	7/8/2015

HUD regulations provide that 3% of the allocation plus \$100,000 can be used for administration and technical assistance.

Citizen Participation

The Village must provide for a minimum of two public hearings, each at a different stage of the program. This public hearing is the first of the two (2) public hearings and is being held prior to the submission of the application and prior to passage of Village's Resolution of Support. The Notice of Public Hearing for this meeting was published on Saturday, June 13, 2015, in the Jacksonville Journal Courier which meets the minimum 7 days not counting the day of publication.

The intent of this project is to install disinfection equipment at the wastewater treatment facilities as per the current NPDES Permit at an estimated total cost of \$125,458.

## PROJECT FUNDING

The costs associated with the disinfection equipment installation project include the following:

- Construction Costs-\$103,200
- Bidding and construction engineering phase services-\$15,000
- Legal-\$1,000
- DCEO Grant Administration-\$6,258.

This application requests \$72,835 for construction costs, \$15,000 for Bidding and construction phase engineering costs and \$6,258 for the administration fees. The Village of Chapin will leverage the grant with \$31,365 of matching funds. The total amount of CDBG funds proposed to be used for activities that will benefit low-to-moderate income persons is \$94,093.

The implementation of this project will not cause the displacement of any persons or result in the loss of any housing stock.

A list of prioritized community development and housing needs as discussed at this public hearing is as follows:


- 1) Install disinfection equipment at wastewater treatment facilities.
- 2) Replace lagoon aeration equipment at wastewater treatment facilities.
- 3) Provide better emergency services.
- 4) Improve public parks.

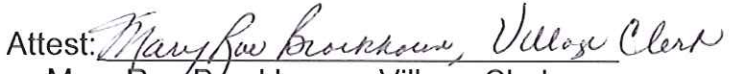
The public hearing covered (a) the amount of funds available; (b) the range of activities that may be undertaken; (c) the estimated amount proposed for activities that will benefit low-to-moderate income individuals; (d) plans for minimizing displacement as a result of the CDAP grant assisted activities and to assist persons actually displaced; and (e) a detailed prioritized list of housing and community development needs.

The Village Clerk will certify the public hearing minutes. Efforts were made to assure reasonable access to the public hearing by handicapped persons. Those attending the public hearing were informed of how and where to access the applicant's CDAP records. A copy of the public hearing attendance sheet, which identifies private citizens and local officials, is included as part of the citizen participation document. Copies of these documents will be available upon request from the Village Clerk, Chapin, Morgan County, Illinois.

The meeting was opened to the floor for comments. Questions and answers are included as an attached page. With no other comments or items for discussion, the meeting was closed at 7:13 P.M.

I hereby state that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the notes represented here in above are a true and correct representation of the public meeting held on Wednesday June 24, 2015 at Village Hall, Chapin Illinois, for the purposes of receiving public comments regarding the application for a \$94,093 CDAP/DCEO Public Infrastructure Component grant to install disinfection equipment at the wastewater treatment facilities as per the current NPDES Permit.

  
Max Brockhouse, Village President

Attest:   
Mary Rae Brockhouse, Village Clerk

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NAME	ADDRESS	REPRESENTING
Leslie Forsman	PO Box 255 / 1717 Morgan	Chapin Village Board
Robert Luttrell	716 Morgan	Chapin Village
Bryce McCormick	320 Superior St. Chapin	Village
Mary Kay Brockhouse	215 Cedar Dr Chapin	Village
May Buchanan	215 CEDAR DRIVE	CHAPIN Village
Brian Somatt	214 DALLAS	Chapin Village
REX BROCKHOUSE	217 CEDAR DRIVE	VILLAGE BOARD
DEREK HUSEMAN	610 MORGAN ST	CHAPIN RESCUE SQUAD
Scott Pahlman	PO Box 172, Chapin, IL	Chapin Volunteer Fire Dept
Wendy Bridgewater	519 Elm St. Chapin, IL	Village of Chapin

**EXHIBIT A, QUESTIONS & RESPONSES  
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*No comments received.*