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**CDBG UTILITY GRANT
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
VIDEO TELECONFERENCE
February 22, 2021 6:45pm**

Pursuant to KRS 61.826 and OAG 20-05, the State of Emergency regarding the threats to public health presented by the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, and Executive Order, this meeting of the Crescent Springs City Council was conducted by video conference, and attended by the public by viewing the video conference at the City's Facebook page online at: <https://www.facebook.com/CityofCrescentSpringsKY> Facebook LIVE

The purpose of this public hearing was to obtain the opinion of the general public regarding the City's application for assistance under the Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Response Program for emergency utility relief.

Mayor Lou Hartfiel called the meeting to order at 6:45pm.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following council members present – Chad Longbons, Mike Daugherty, Justin Hartfiel, Christie Arlinghaus, Deborah Noe and Patrick Hackett. Also present were City Clerk April Robinson, Mayor Lou Hartfiel, City Administrator Mike Daly and City Attorney Mike Baker.

The following people were also in attendance of the virtual meeting:
Megan Sandfoss, Northern Kentucky Area Development District (NKADD)
Chief Jeff Wendt, CSVHFA
Sgt. Matt Hall, VHPD

PRESENTATION OF THE CDBG-CV PROGRAM

Meghan Sandfoss, NKADD presented the CBDG-CV program. The Governor has announced a utility relief program. Each City or County is able to apply for up to \$200,000 in funding. Residential delinquent account information was collected from the utility companies. The delinquent amount for Crescent Springs is around \$48,000.

Residential households will be eligible if they meet the following criteria:

- Must live within the city limits of Crescent Springs
- Must have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic
- Are struggling to pay utility bills and have received a disconnect notice from January 21, 2020 to present

The City will apply to the Department of Local Government for funds. If approved the funds will go to the Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission (NKCAC). Residents will contact and apply for assistance

through the NKCAC. The NKCAC will approve applications and pay the resident's delinquent utility account directly to that utility company on behalf of the customer.

Ms. Sandfoss stated that administrative fees for the NKADD and NKCAC will come out of the awarded amount of funding.

Ms. Arlinghaus asked if the \$48,000 was due to delinquent utility accounts in Crescent Springs. Ms. Sandfoss responded that it was. She also inquired if the information was broken down into single family homes and apartments. Ms. Sandfoss responded that it was not.

The funding will cover up to \$250 per household for six (6) months. This would be a total of \$1500 per household.

Ms. Arlinghaus asked how residents would find out about the assistance. Ms. Sandfoss stated that the NKCAC has been very proactive informing the public. She suggested that the city use social media and newsletters to help inform the public. She also stated that the NKADD was working with the utility companies to see if the information could be included with customer's utility bills.

Mike Baker asked if there was a time in which the grant expires where unused funds we "receive", referring to the City/NKADD/NKCAC, would have to be returned. Ms. Sandfoss stated that the Department of Local Government will be monitoring the use of the funds. There should be plenty of time to distribute the funds. The Department of Local Government will reallocate the funds if they are not being used.

Mike Baker asked if the City should apply for the full \$200,000 available. Ms. Sandfoss stated that the request for funds must be justified by the need. The city currently has \$48,000 in delinquencies so Ms. Sandfoss recommended the City apply for \$45,000 to \$50,000. Not everyone that is eligible will apply. There may be people who have moved out of city limits.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

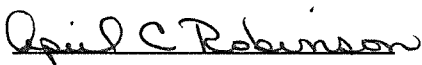
Mayor Hartfiel asked if there were any comments or questions from the public.

There were no citizen comments or questions received by NKADD or the city before the hearing. There were also no citizen questions or comments, through the Facebook Live meeting comments section, during the meeting.

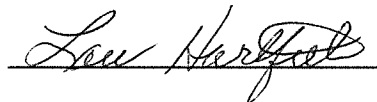
ADJOURNMENT

Patrick Hackett made a motion to adjourn. Christie Arlinghaus seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passed.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.

ATTESTED BY:



April C. Robinson, Clerk/Treasurer



Lou Hartfiel, Mayor

Approved: March 22, 2021