



CITY OF ROCHELLE, ILLINOIS

PROPOSED APPLICATION TO THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMPONENT)

The City of Rochelle, Illinois, is holding this public hearing to provide interested parties an opportunity to express their views on the proposed federal funded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project.

Funding availability. For 2014, the State's federal Community Development Assistance Program tentative allocation is \$35,000,000. The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity accepts grant applications at various designated times throughout the year from non-entitlement communities for competitive programs, such as the Economic Development component. There is \$8,000,000 available in the Economic Development component this year with a \$750,000 grant ceiling per request.

Range of activities that may be undertaken. The Economic Development component funds may be used to assist for-profit and not-for-profit firms to carry out economic development projects. The business may use the funds for land acquisition; construction, reconstruction, installation or rehabilitation of commercial or industrial buildings, structures and other real property; equipment and improvements; and working capital expenses. Working capital is defined as inventory, employee salaries, general operational expenses and advertising/marketing expenses. CDAP funds may not be used as grants or loans to help service or refinance existing debt. Alternatively, CDPA funds may be used to finance public facilities and improvement in support of economic development (e.g., water system upgrade to serve an expanded business).

LMI benefit. The benefit to low-to-moderate income persons is at least 51%. The percentage of LMI benefit will be substantiated through the utilization of Employee Income Certification Forms for the creation of approximately 40 jobs and the retention of approximately 20 jobs. The total amount of funding requested by the City of Rochelle will be \$110,000.00.

Plans for minimizing displacement. The proposed project will not displace any residents or businesses.

Project scope. The proposed project will utilize CDAP funds for the extension of fiber optic and communication utilities to serve the proposed project site in the City of Rochelle.

CDAP records. The CDAP grant application is a public document and will be on file at the City of Rochelle City Hall with the City Clerk for all who are interested in viewing the document.

Second public hearing. As a condition of the CDAP grant program, a public hearing will be held after the project work is completed to obtain citizen comments regarding the overall project performance.

Prioritized list of community development needs.

1. Infrastructure construction to accommodate economic development demand
2. Infrastructure upgrades to accommodate growth in the City