



# Nash County Board of Commissioners

## Regular Board Meeting

September 21, 2020

Claude Mayo, Jr. Administration Building

3rd Floor - Frederick B. Cooper Commissioners Room

120 West Washington Street

Nashville, North Carolina

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Item:	Rocky Mount Wilson Airport Update
Initiated By:	Dion Viventi, Managing Director
Action Proposed:	Information Only

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**Description:**

Mr. Viventi will provide with Board with an update on the Rocky Mount Wilson Airport.

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Item:	Presentation on Nash County's Community Paramedic Program
Initiated By:	Brian Brantley, Emergency Services Director Brandon Taylor, Community Paramedic Coordinator
Action Proposed:	None required

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**Description:**

Brian Brantley and Community Paramedic Coordinator Brandon Taylor will present the current status of Nash County's Community Paramedic Program. This will include, current staffing, community health initiatives and program goals.

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Item: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Initiated By: Patsy McGhee, Assistant to the County Manager

Action Proposed: Hold Public Hearing

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**Description:**

**General CDBG**

- Nash County is required to hold a public hearing for the FY2020-2021 North Carolina Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program(s) in order to submit application(s) for funding.
- The purpose of this public hearing is to allow residents/citizens an opportunity to express views concerning community development priorities, available funds and eligible activities, and to review program compliance prior to the County's project-specific applications to the state administering agencies.
- This federal funding comes from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (U.S. HUD).
- CDBG program activities must meet one of the national objectives:
  - (1) Benefit low- and moderate- income (LMI) persons;
  - (2) Prevent or eliminate slum and blight; or,
  - (3) Address an urgent need.
- Eligible locations (non-entitlement communities) are:
  - All NC small cities except the 24 entitlement municipalities; and,
  - All NC counties except Cumberland, Mecklenburg, Union, and Wake.
- The State receives approximately \$40-\$46 million each year for CDBG-ED, CDBG-NR, and CDBG-I funding.
- The CDBG program can fund a wide variety of community development activities. The State has chosen to fund several activities: water and sewer infrastructure, neighborhood revitalization, economic development, and special allocations for disaster (hurricane) recovery and COVID-19.

**Available Funding in NC FY2020-2021**

The Wooten Company put together a nice summary of available funding in NC in FY2020-2021:

**A. Economic Development**

1. Administered by NC Department of Commerce (DOC) Rural Economic Development Division (REDD) and presented by DOC to the NC Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) for approval.
2. Typically ~\$10-12M available annually.
3. Priority projects are those that provide site clearance, or building or infrastructure support for businesses that commit to job retention/creation.
4. Awards and match requirements depend upon annual economic tier rankings and job commitment.

5. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year.

#### **B. Neighborhood Revitalization**

1. Administered by NC REDD and presented to the RIA for approval.
2. Typically ~\$10-12M available annually; maximum award is \$750,000.
3. Projects focus on LMI housing-related activities and community revitalization.
4. Applications are competitive and typically due in the summer/fall.

#### **C. Infrastructure**

1. Administered by NC Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) Division of Water Infrastructure (DWI) and presented by DEQ-DWI to the State Water Infrastructure Authority (SWIA) for approval.
2. Typically ~\$21-26M available annually; maximum award is \$2M every 3 years.
3. Projects focus on water and sewer for LMI areas, persons, and households.
4. Applications are competitive and typically due in the fall.

#### **D. Disaster Recovery/Mitigation**

1. Administered by NC Department of Public Safety (DPS) Office of Recovery and Resiliency (NCORR).
2. These funds are a result of hurricane disasters: varied in nature based on county-wide needs assessments for housing-related activities, economic relief, strategic buyouts, and flood mitigation for future disasters.
3. Applications are received on a rolling basis.
4. HUD approved NCORR's Action Plan for spending \$542M in CDBG-DR funds for Hurricane Florence, as well as \$168M in CDBG-MIT funds.

#### **E. Coronavirus**

1. Administered by NC DOC REDD and approved by RIA.
2. ~\$27M available in round 1, potential round 2 of approximately the same amount.
3. Maximum award is \$900,000.
4. Applications accepted on a first-come, first serve basis starting September 1, 2020.
5. Priorities include public services, public facilities, and economic development activities to support individuals and communities during the public health crisis and small business economic recovery.

### **CDBG Performance & Requirements**

- Formal public hearings are held for every CDBG application round to inform residents/citizens of the potential project(s) and obtain feedback.
- *Nash County has had experience with the CDBG program, received/completed 3 CDBG grants in the last 3-5 years for CDBG-NR & CDBG-DR & CDBG-ED (Building Reuse) activities, with no compliance issues.*
- If awarded a CDBG grant, plans and policies required by U.S. HUD will be adopted that will govern fiscal management, efficient operation and maintenance, and program compliance, such as:
  - American with Disabilities Act/Section 504 Plan to address non-discrimination in the treatment of and program access to handicapped/disabled persons.
  - Fair labor standards in accordance with the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Davis-Bacon & Related Acts.
  - Citizen participation in and access to program information and implementation.

- Equal opportunity and procurement through program implementation.
- Fair Housing Plan to affirmatively furthering fair housing.
- Language Access Plan to provide meaningful access to those with limited English proficiency.
- Section 3 Plan to encourage job creation for local low-income persons.
- Section 519 provision to prohibit the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within the jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations.
- Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Plan to ensure no that displacement / relocation of residents occurs during project implementation without public notification and just compensation.
  - Anti-displacement and relocation is primarily applicable to housing-related projects, however acquisition of public utility easements on private property also triggers the Uniform Relocation Act (URA).
  - Displacement assistance as necessary will be available.

### **Citizen Comments**

- Application materials will be available at 120 W. Washington Street, Suite 3040, Nashville, NC 27856 upon request, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- For additional information or to submit written comments, please contact: Patsy McGhee, Assistant to the County Manager, (252) 462-2434, TDD: (800) 735-2962 or Relay NC 711.
- Comments should be postmarked no later than Thursday, September 24, 2020 and a written response will be made within 10 business days.

### **Next Step**

Later, there will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing with a detailed project description, goals, and anticipated outcomes for the specific program(s) for which Nash County will apply. A Resolution to Apply to the specific program will be adopted, along with designating persons to complete application documents.

*This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Patsy McGhee, Assistant to the County Manager, at (252) 462-2434 or 120 W. Washington Street, Suite 3040, Nashville, NC 27856 for accommodations for this request. Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Patsy McGhee, Assistant to the County Manager, Suite 3040, al (252) 462-2434 o en 120 W. Washington Street, Nashville, NC 27856 de alojamiento para esta solicitud.*

**Recommended Action:** Hold a Public Hearing.

Attachment: Advertisement.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Nash County, NC**  
**FY 2020-2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAMS**

The residents of Nash County are hereby informed that the County intends to apply to the North Carolina Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. Infrastructure, economic development, neighborhood revitalization and coronavirus assistance funds are available for projects that benefit low- and moderate- income (LMI) persons, prevent/eliminate slum and blight, or address an urgent need. The Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 21, 1:30 p.m., at the Nash County Administration Building, 120 W. Washington Street, Nashville, NC 27856, and virtually via [www.youtube.com/nashcountync](http://www.youtube.com/nashcountync).

The purpose of the public hearing is to explain the CDBG program and to allow the residents of Nash County an opportunity to express their views concerning community development needs and priorities. Persons having any questions concerning the CDBG Program are urged to attend the public hearing, make their views known, and submit oral/written comments. Residents will be able to leave comments by: (1) delivering or mailing them to 120 W. Washington Street, Suite 3040, Nashville, NC 27856; (2) emailing them to [public.comment@nashcountync.gov](mailto:public.comment@nashcountync.gov) at least 30 minutes prior to the meeting; or, (3) by verbally contacting Patsy McGhee, Assistant to the County Manager, at (252) 462-2434.

A public information file exists at 120 W. Washington Street, Nashville, NC 27856 and may be viewed upon request. For additional information or to submit written comments, please contact Patsy McGhee, Assistant to the County Manager, 120 W. Washington Street, Nashville, NC 27856, (252) 462-2434. Comments should be postmarked no later than Thursday, September 24, 2020 and a written response will be made within 10 business days. The County does not discriminate based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, age, familial status, or political affiliation in the admission, access to, treatment or employment in the CDBG program and activities. Efforts will be made to minimize displacement during project implementation, and displacement assistance as necessary will be available. Persons with disabilities, limited English proficiency, or who otherwise require special accommodations should contact Janice Evans, Clerk to the Board, (252) 459-9800, TDD 800-735-2962 (Relay Service at 711), at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

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Item:	Policy for Purchasing Gifts, Flowers and Cards
Initiated By:	Stacie Shatzer, Assistant County Manager
Action Proposed:	Adopt the Policy

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**Description:**

Nash County has a policy in the Human Resources Policy Manual that addresses employees receiving gifts and favors, but does not have a policy that addresses the purchase of items. The proposed policy would allow for departments to use county funds for the purchase of a card for an employee experiencing a significant life event. The policy also prohibits the use of county funds for the purchase of flowers, gifts or other similar use by departments. However, it allows the County Manager the discretion to utilize county funds to recognize significant life events of Community Leaders, Board Members or their family members.

**Recommendation:**

Adopt the policy.

## **12.1 Giving Gifts, Flowers, Cards, etc.**

Nash County prohibits the use of county funds, grant funds or any other non-private funds to be used for the purchase of gifts and/or flowers or any other similar use. The purchase of cards is allowable. Departments or units of county government wishing to recognize births, deaths, marriages or other life events with gifts and/or flowers must do so using private funds only.

The County Manager has the discretion to use county funds in recognition of significant life events of Community Leaders and Board Members or their family members, as long as the purchase is not of substantial value. The term "substantial value" cannot be defined other than the amount would be what any reasonable person would expect to receive/pay under the same or similar circumstances.

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Item: Boards, Committees or Special Reports  
Initiated By: Wayne Outlaw, Vice Chairman  
Action Proposed: None

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**Description:**

In the interest of time, please report only on significant items. If the particular board has not met or had no significant items of interest, you may advise "no report".

- Commissioner Lou Richardson (District 1)
  - Community Caregiver Advisory Board
- Commissioner Fred Belfield (District 2)
  - Farmer's Market Advisory Board
  - Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (Lou Richardson)
  - Upper Coastal Plain COG (Mary Wells)
  - Tar River Transit
  - Nash Edgecombe Economic Development (NEED), Inc.
- Commissioner Dan Cone (District 3)
  - Human Services Board
  - Agricultural Advisory Board
  - Trillium Health Resources – Central Regional Board
- Commissioner Sue Leggett (District 4)
  - UNC – Nash Health Care Board of Directors
  - STEP
  - Natural Resource Resilience Committee
- Commissioner Wayne Outlaw (District 5)
  - Nash Community College Board of Trustees (Mary Wells)
  - Upper Coastal Plain RPO
  - Broadband Committee (Dan Cone)
- Commissioner Mary Wells (District 6)
  - Upper Coastal Plain COG (Fred Belfield)
  - Nash Community College Board of Trustees (Wayne Outlaw)
- Commissioner Robbie Davis (District 7)
  - Tourism Development Authority
  - Rocky Mount MPO