



**CITY OF FRANKLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**
City Council Meeting Jan 7, 2013

From: Elizabeth Dragon – City Manager

Subject: City Council to consider votes necessary to apply for up to \$450,000 of CDBG Grant funds on behalf of TRIP for renovations to the Bessie Rowell School as part of the Bessie Rowell Community Center project.

Suggested Motions:

1. Councilor moves:

“I move that the Franklin City Council adopt the Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance plan”

2. Mayor asks for a second, discussion, and calls the vote.

3. Councilor moves:

“I move that the Franklin City Council approve the submittal of the application and vote to authorize the City Manager to sign and submit the application, and upon approval of the CDBG application, authorize the City Manager to execute any documents which may be necessary to effectuate the CDBG contract.”

4. Mayor asks for a second, discussion, and calls the vote.

Discussion:

Community Development Block Grant funds are available to municipalities for economic development, public facility and housing rehabilitation projects and feasibility studies that primarily benefit low and moderate income persons. The City of Franklin is eligible for \$500,000 a year for public facility/housing rehabilitation and economic development projects, as well as emergency funds. Feasibility Study funds are available for up to \$12,000 per year. January marks the beginning of a new funding year and if this application is not successful in this round we can reapply in July.

The purpose of a public hearing for CDBG funding is to receive public comment on a proposed application to the Community Development Finance Authority for up to \$450,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds to renovate a portion of the Bessie Rowell building for the TRIP center. The application will be submitted for funding through Public Facility CDBG funds.

A public hearing is also required on the Residential and Anti displacement and relocation Assistance plan. A hearing is not required on the housing and community development plan as the city recently updated this plan with the submission of the Tiny Twister CDBG application.