

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Vernonia is eligible to apply for a 2008 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department. Community Development Block Grant Funds come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The grants can be used for public facilities and housing improvements, primarily for persons with low and moderate incomes.

Approximately \$14 million will be awarded to Oregon non-metropolitan cities and counties in 2008. The maximum grant that a city or county can receive is \$1,000,000.

The City of Vernonia is preparing an application for a 2008 CDBG from the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department for the Vernonia Flood Recovery Housing Rehabilitation Program. The project will assist primarily low and moderate income homeowners in the City of Vernonia with disaster recovery home rehabilitation projects that could include elevations, rehabilitation or buyouts. It is estimated that the proposed projects will benefit at least 100 persons, of whom 80% will be low or moderate income.

A public hearing will be held by the Vernonia City Council at or after 7:00 pm on April 21, 2008 at the Vernonia City Hall, 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR 97064. The purpose of this hearing is for the Vernonia City Council to obtain citizen views and to respond to questions and comments about: Community Development and housing needs, especially the needs of low and moderate income persons, as well as other needs in the community that might be assisted with a Community Development Block Grant project; and the proposed project.

Written comments are also welcome and must be received by April 18, 2008 by 4:00 pm at Vernonia City Hall, 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR 97064. Both oral and written comments will be considered by the Vernonia City Council in deciding whether to apply.

The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Please let Joann Glass at 503.429.5291 know if you need any special accommodations to attend or participate in the meeting.

More information about Oregon Community Development Block Grants, the proposed project, and records about the City of Vernonia's past use of Community Development Block Grant funds is available for public review at Vernonia City Hall during regular office hours. Advance notice is requested. If special accommodations are needed, please notify Joann Glass, Vernonia City Hall at 503.429.5291 so that appropriate assistance can be provided.

Permanent involuntary displacement of persons or businesses is not anticipated as a result from the proposed projects. If displacement becomes necessary, alternatives will be examined to minimize and provide required/reasonable benefits to those displaced. Any low and moderate income housing which is demolished or converted to another use will be replaced.

The City of Vernonia is an Equal Opportunity Employer

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