

**PUBLIC HEARING  
CITY OF VERNONIA CITY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY OF VERNONIA  
April 21, 2008**

**Public Hearing Open**

**Proposed Action:** 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.

**City Council Members declare Abstentions, Conflicts, Exparte Contacts**

**Staff Report:** 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. 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.

**Public Comment in Favor**

**Public Comment in Opposition**

**Public Comment Neutral**

**City Council Reply to Public Comments and Questions**

**Public Hearing Closed**

**Deliberation of City Council toward decision/recommendation of Public Hearing**

**Decision**

**Motion:** “The City of Vernonia moves 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.”