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### **City of DeKalb Accepting Applications for 2021 Community Development Block Grant Public Services Funding**

DeKalb, IL - Mayor Jerry Smith has announced that applications for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Services Program are now available to agencies for the 2021 Program Year. CDBG funding is federal community development assistance dollars provided to the City annually by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Applications can be obtained on the City's website under the Community Development Department, on the Community Services page. Organizations interested in submitting new proposals for CDBG funding must first submit a "Letter of Intent" to the Community Development Department by 5:00 pm on December 11, 2020.

CDBG funded public services programs administered by the Community Development Department are for new public services or for a documented increase in the existing public services provided to target resident populations. Organizations applying for CDBG funds must serve City residents whose household income is less than 80% of the area median income and must obtain documentation of household income for all program participants or verify that they will provide services in a limited geographic area where more than 51% of the total population is low- to moderate-income. In the 2020-2024 CDBG Consolidated Plan, the City has designated the Annie Glidden North Neighborhood as a Target Area for services. Proposals that specifically address the needs of this area will be given special consideration.

Projects must be designed to increase public services that promote independent living and self-sufficiency for homeless individuals and families, the elderly, people of low-income, and people with disabilities. All projects are required to meet at least *one* Consolidated Plan Objective and *one* HUD National Objective. A list of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan objectives and HUD national objectives are included in the application materials on the City's website.

For more information on CDBG, contact the Community Services Coordinator, Joanne Rouse at 815- 748-2366 or via email at [Joanne.Rouse@cityofdekalb.com](mailto:Joanne.Rouse@cityofdekalb.com).

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