



# HORRY COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA

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## **CITIZENS ENCOURAGE TO PARTICIPATE IN SURVEY AND PUBLIC HEARING**

Conway, South Carolina - Horry County, in partnership with the cities of Conway and Myrtle Beach, has recently been named a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) eligible Entitlement County. The CDBG entitlement program provides annual grants on a formula basis to entitled counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.

Over the coming months the county will be working with a consultant to develop a Consolidated Plan. The plan is a document the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires each entitlement agency to prepare in order to receive HUD's grant money. The plan will be 3-5 year plan that identifies local needs in housing and community development and establishes local goals to accomplish by utilizing HUD's grant funds.

One of the most important parts of the Consolidated Plan is the Annual Action Plan. The action plan is prepared each budget year and outlines in detail what activities will be carried out and how they will be funded. The programmed activities in the Action Plan should help achieve the community's long-term goals identified in the Consolidated Plan.

This will be the first year that Horry County is eligible and therefore the first time preparing an Annual Action Plan. As the county goes forward with planning the next 3-5 years, they are asking the public for their assistance in helping identify the types of projects that should be financed in the future with these funds. This can be achieved by attending an upcoming Public Hearing on Thursday, February 21, at 6 p.m. in the Horry County Government & Justice Center, Multi-Purpose Room E, 1301 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in Conway. Citizens are also encouraged to complete a survey that is available online at [www.horrycounty.org](http://www.horrycounty.org) on Planning & Zoning's department page. The survey will take on a few minutes, but will help lay the ground work for the future.

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CDBG Survey

Below is a list of eligible activities that can be considered.

Eligible Activities

CDBG funds may be used for activities which include, but are not limited to:

- acquisition of real property;
- relocation and demolition;
- rehabilitation of residential and non-residential structures;
- construction of public facilities and improvements, such as water and sewer facilities, streets, neighborhood centers, and the conversion of school buildings for eligible purposes;
- public services, within certain limits;
- activities relating to energy conservation and renewable energy resources; and
- provision of assistance to profit-motivated businesses to carry out economic development and job creation/retention

For more information on the Horry County being a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) eligible Entitlement County, please contact Diana Seydlorsky in the Finance Department at 915-7031.

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