



Lumpkin County, Georgia

Finance Department

Date: August 5, 2016

Agenda Item: Grant Period Extension Request
2014 Community Development Block Grant
Lumpkin County Water & Sewerage Authority – Waterline Improvements

Facts & Historical Information:

In early 2014, Lumpkin County engaged the services of the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission (GMRC) to assist in the develop a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application on behalf of the Lumpkin County Water & Sewerage Authority (LCW&SA) in the amount of \$500,000.00. The purpose of the grant application was to provide the funding necessary to make certain waterline improvements. In late 2014, DCA approved the County's application with a grant period beginning on September 5th, 2014 and concluding on September 5th, 2016.

Unfortunately, as with many construction-related projects of this nature, delays have been encountered which require the request of an extension of the grant period. While the vast majority of the grant-funded project has now been completed, there remain a small number of items (i.e. – final project acceptance, documentation of public benefit, etc.) which must be addressed prior to DCA closing the grant. In order to ensure there is sufficient time to accomplish these remaining items, DCA has suggested the County submit a request to extend the grant period by ninety days.

Potential Courses of Action:

- A. Submit to DCA a ninety-day extension request to the grant period of the County's 2014 CDBG award.
- B. Take no action.

Budget Impact:

There is no negative impact to the County's operating budget resulting from the submission of a ninety-day grant period extension request to DCA.

Staff

Recommendation: Please see statement from Mr. Sean Phipps, Executive Director of the Lumpkin County Water & Sewerage Authority.

LUMPKIN COUNTY WATER & SEWERAGE AUTHORITY



August 9, 2016

The Honorable Chris Dockery
Chairman, Lumpkin County Commission
99 Courthouse Hill, Suite H
Dahlonega, GA 30533

RE: **Recommendation of Extension Request**

Dear Chairman Dockery,

The Lumpkin County Water and Sewerage Authority is submitting this recommendation that the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners request an extension of 2014 Community Development Block Grant award from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for the construction of water system improvements. The grant was awarded by the DCA in September of 2014 with a requirement that it be fully complete within a two (2) year time frame. At this point the construction of the project is complete. However, there are a few administrative tasks that need to be completed in order to fully close out this project. A final survey assessing the low to moderate income status of the residents within the project area is required to be completed as a requirement of the grant. LCWSA has offered to assist the GMRC with this process which they have estimated to take approximately two (2) months.

In order to provide adequate time to complete the few remaining administrative tasks, I am recommending the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners submit a request to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs requesting a three (3) month extension of the grant award. Thank you for your time and consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely,

R. Sean Phipps, P.E.
Executive Director



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August 5, 2016

Mr. Steed Robinson, Office Director
Office of Community Development
Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, GA 30329

Re: Grant # 14p-y-093-1-5682
Lumpkin County Water and Sewer Infrastructure

Dear Steed:

Lumpkin County is requesting an extension of its grant award for the above-referenced project for a period of three (3) months. If approved, the grant period would extend from September 5, 2014 through December 4, 2016.

The project is complete. Project contractors have begun working on all final punch-list items. Upon completion, Lumpkin County in coordination with the project engineer will conduct a final inspection and accept the project. This is anticipated to take approximately 3 months. In an effort to obtain proper documentation for public benefit, the county intends to use survey. This process is estimated to take approximately 2 months.

The grant extension would allow sufficient time for Lumpkin County to conduct the final inspection of the punch-list, accurately acquire and analyze the low and moderate income surveys as a requirement for the CDBG grant. In addition, the extension will also allow the county and the grant administrator to begin the final closeout process.

I appreciate your immediate attention and positive consideration to this matter. Should you have questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact Meisa Pace at Georgia Mountains Regional Commission, 770-538-2612.

Respectfully,

Chris Dockery
Chairman, Lumpkin County