# **Public Hearing Meeting Script SAMPLE**

**Date**

**Town /City/County**

This public hearing on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *(Date*), will provide an explanation and description of the \_\_\_\_\_\_(*Fiscal Year*) North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Community Development Block – Infrastructure Grant (CDBG-I).

We are present to discuss the purpose of the public hearing for the Town/City/County’s CDBG-I funding application. The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain citizen’s views and to allow response from the public to funding proposals and answer any questions posed by citizens.

This public hearing will cover the Town/City/County’s community development needs, development of the proposed activities, and a review of program compliance before the submission of the Town /City/County’s CDBG-I funding application to the state of the North Carolina.

The Town /City/County proposes to request funding from NCDEQ’S CDBG-I program for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*Project Name*). The proposed project will meet the following community and housing needs of Town/City/County by .

The purpose of the CDBG-I grant program is to improve the quality of life for low to moderate income people by providing a safe, clean environment and clean drinking water through water and sewer infrastructure improvements and extensions of service.

* To benefit a residential area where at least 51% of the beneficiaries are low to moderate income as defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.
* To perform eligible activities.
* To minimize displacement, and
* Provide displacement assistance as necessary.

For the fiscal year of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the CDBG-I funding available is expected to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (amount). The maximum available grant is $2.0 million over a 3-year period. Applications for funding will be received \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (application deadline).

The CDBG program is able to fund a wide variety of community development activities. The State of North Carolina has chosen to fund several activities: water and sewer infrastructure, neighborhood revitalization, COVID-19 related projects, and economic development projects that lead to job creation or retention.

The infrastructure program, or CDBG-I program can fund a range of water and sewer infrastructure activities, including, but not limited to the, following:

Water:

* Projects that resolve water loss in distribution systems.
* Projects that extend public water to areas with contaminated wells.
* Projects that extend water lines to areas with dry wells.
* Projects that assist with low water pressure in public water systems.
* Projects that regionalize two or more water systems.
* Project that rehabilitate or replace a water treatment plant.

Wastewater:

* Projects that resolve inflow and infiltration to collection systems and surcharges from pumps stations and manholes.
* Projects that extent public sewer to areas with failed septic tanks.
* Projects that rehabilitate a wastewater treatment plant to allow for greater efficiency/compliance with regulations.

The Town/City/County is seeking an amount in CDBG-I funds not to exceed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (amount) for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*project name*). The purpose of the Town /City/County’s request is to *(Project description and purpose - must match grant application and include all streets with proposed improvements and any alternative streets if time and budget allows)*.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The project proposed by the Town/City/County was identified in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Capital Improvement Plan/Asset Management Plan) \_\_\_\_ (Year). Informal community meetings were held in the project area to inform citizens of the potential project, and get feedback from the residents.

A total of 100% of the CDBG- I funding will be used to benefit Low to Moderate Income (LMI) people. The project area in the Town/City/County has been determined to have a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*area-wide/Income survey area*) of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_%. The project area includes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *(Project location and boundaries*).

The range of activities covered by the CDBG-I funds for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(*Name of Project)* includes:

* Construction.
* Environmental Review
* Engineering Design
* Construction Administration and observation.
* Legal activities.
* Surveying.
* Grant Administration.

If Town /City/County is awarded a CDBG-I grant, the town is required to adhere to federal procurement requirements and other federal regulations which include:

* American with Disabilities Act/Section 504 Survey
* Davis-Bacon & Related Labor Acts
* Adoption/Submittal of a Citizen’s Participation Plan
* Adoption/Submittal of an Equal Opportunity Plan
* Adoption/Submittal of a Fair Housing Plan
* Adoption/Submittal of a Language Access Plan
* Adoption/Submittal of a Relocation Assistance Plan
* Adoption/Submittal of a Section 3 Plan
* Excess Force Provision

The State of North Carolina requires that the if the Town/City/County receives CDBG grant funding that the town will certify that they will comply with the requirements of the general displacement and relocation policy for CDBG grant funding. This policy assists low to moderate income people with costs associated with relocation or displacement, should such relocation become necessary due to the project activities. CDBG funds can be used for those costs, if necessary. If no displacement and relocation will occur as a result of the proposed CDBG grant activity, then the Town/City/County confirms that during this public hearing.

In the past, the Town/City/County has applied for and received for the following completed CDBG project:

* List Name of Projects and Outcomes/outputs of the projects:

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The Town/City/County will submit its CDBG-I application for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*Project Name*) on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*Application deadline).* The CDBG-I application will be available for review during normal business hours at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*Address*). Additional information is available from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*Town/City/County’s contact information).*

Should you have any complaints or grievances regarding the subject public hearing, they should be addressed to the addressee mentioned above within fifteen (15) business days or by \_\_\_\_\_\_ (*Date*) and a written response to the written complaints and/or grievances will be sent by the Town/City/County within fifteen (15) business days, where practicable.

We open the floor for comments and questions about the CDBG program, and about the proposed project.