

## Minutes - Rogue River Public Hearing

**Meeting commenced at 4:00 pm, Tuesday July 14.**

**Host: Mark Reagles (MR), City Administrator of Rogue River**

**Facilitator: Kim Young (KY), Amy Browne, SOREDI**

**Attendees: Brian Mortensen (BM), Tom Corrigan, Marta Tarantsey (MT)**

*Note: unless indicated as verbatim, conversation has been paraphrased.*

- KY Welcome, Zoom etiquette
- MR Verbatim reading of Public Notice and Notice of Public Hearing (attached)
- KY Confirm date corrections to the reading: Public hearing is July 14, not July 8; comments will be posted July 15, not July 9.
- MR Confirmed, public hearing is July 14, comments will be posted July 15.
- MT Question: I'm in Medford, request questions for assistance. What kinds of businesses have been reaching out to the city for assistance?
- MR Answer: We've had contact with sole proprietor-type businesses. Hair salons, mom and pop style shops that have been totally shut down. There haven't been any restaurants contacted, but once we get this out and marketed, we expect to have more traffic. There have been many small businesses in the area impacted that will have need of this program. Jackson County did release another complimentary program for matching grants for those who have not been . We have been sharing that opportunity widely as well.
- KY No additional comments, we will be muting the line but available to answer any additional questions until 4:30 pm.
- BM Questions: 1. What's the next step in the process after this hearing, ad 2: When will the grants be awarded?
- KY This is the application process. After the hearing, RR will submit a compiled application to Business Oregon. They don't have a firm timeline for review. If awarded, the intent is to get the funds out into the community as soon as possible.
- MR To speak to Brian's second question, as soon as we can. We want to ensure that we have funds awarded and in hand before soliciting applications from the community.
- BM Question: Are these funds available if a business owner has already received a PPP loan?
- MR Defer to SOREDI for the technical aspects.
- KY Our understanding is yes, however, the CDBG funds may not be use for the *same* purpose as PPP.
- MT That is my understanding as well, but I'll verify.... the project manager says "Yes applicants for the grant may receive both this and PPP as long as they can show that the CDBG and PPP funds were used for different activities or different time periods."

**Meeting adjourned at 4:31 pm, Tuesday July 14.**

## Public Notice and Notice of Public Hearing

The City of Rogue River, with participating jurisdictions the cities of Butte Falls, Cave Junction, Central Point, Gold Hill, Jacksonville, Rogue River, and Shady Cove (hereafter Participants) is eligible to and in the process of applying for the maximum grant of \$150,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding through Business Oregon for the 2020 Emergency Small Businesses and Micro-Enterprise Grant Assistance Program. The Program aims to provide COVID19-related Emergency Assistance to help businesses with low and moderate incomes remain solvent and be ready/able to rebuild and/or reopen. It is estimated that the proposed project will benefit at least 50 individual small business or microenterprise employees or owners, of low to moderate income.

The City of Rogue River will serve as the lead applicant; SOREDI will serve as the subgrantee/administrator. If awarded, funds will be made available to qualifying small businesses and microenterprises in the participating jurisdictions via an application process open to the public. Additional details may be found online at [www.soredi.org/nopm-RR2020](http://www.soredi.org/nopm-RR2020).

A public meeting to discuss the proposal will be held Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 4 pm. To comply with Governor Brown's stay at home order, in-person testimony will not be allowed at public hearings.

LIVE COMMENTS may be facilitated by joining the live, online web session.

Access by web: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83362769513>  
Access by phone: 253- 215-8782, Meeting ID 833 6276 9513

WRITTEN COMMENTS will be accepted for five (5) business days from Tuesday, June 30. All written comments must be received prior to the meeting time. Written comments can be emailed to [grants@soredi.org](mailto:grants@soredi.org) or mailed to Southern Oregon Regional Economic Development, Inc. (SOREDI), 1311 Barnett Rd., Suite 301, Medford, OR 97504.

The purpose of this hearing is for the City of Rogue River to obtain citizen views and to respond to questions and comments about: community development and housing needs, especially the needs of low- and moderate-income persons, as well as other needs in the community that might be assisted with a Community Development Block Grant project; and the proposed project. Both oral and written comments will be considered by the City of Rogue River in deciding whether to apply.

Comments and responses received will be posted on the SOREDI website on July 9, 2020. The City of Rogue River does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status or disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in its federally assisted programs or activities.

The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Please contact SOREDI by phone at 541-773-8946 if you will need any special accommodations to attend or participate in the meeting. More information about Oregon Community Development Block Grants, the proposed project, and records about the city's past use of Community Development Block Grant funds is available for public review at Rogue River City Hall during regular office hours. Advance notice is requested. If special accommodations are needed, please notify the City of Rogue River at (541) 582-4401 ext. 102 so that appropriate assistance can be provided. Permanent involuntary displacement of persons or businesses is not anticipated as a result from the proposed project. If displacement becomes necessary, alternatives will be examined to minimize the displacement and provide required/reasonable benefits to those displaced. Any low- and moderate-income housing that is demolished or converted to another use will be replaced.