

Conduct at least one public hearing on the activities proposed in the application and at least one public hearing on the status of funded activities following an award. Make sure all nine (9) points are covered (see list below) and included in the public hearing minutes.

The application public hearing must include a review of:

(a) how the need for the proposed activity or projects was identified;

The need for the proposed Strawberry Point Civic Center Facility Improvements Project was identified through planning sessions by the City of Strawberry Point, Berry Tender Child Care and the Strawberry Point Public Library. In order to ensure the health and safety of patrons through the duration of the current pandemic and to prepare for future pandemics, the City of Strawberry Point is planning improvements to the Strawberry Point Civic Center. A new ventilation/HVAC system will be installed to improve air quality; remediation of water infiltration issues will occur to improve the structural integrity of the building; and improvements to building acoustics will take place in order to better serve the needs of facility users.

(b) how the proposed activity or projects will be funded and the sources of funds;

The request to the Iowa Economic Development Authority will be \$337,655. If successfully funded, the remainder of the proposed activity will be funded by the City of Strawberry Point for a total project cost of \$471,650.

(c) the date the CDBG application will be submitted;

The CDBG CV application will be submitted on or before December 1, 2021 to the Iowa Economic Development Authority.

(d) requested amount of federal funds;

The requested amount is \$337,655.

(e) estimated portion of federal funds that will benefit persons of low and moderate income;

Given that 2011-2015 American Community Survey data shows the community residents at 52.8% low to moderate income, it can be expected that the same proportion of funds will benefit that group of residents or a total of 675 persons.

(f) where the proposed activity or project will be conducted;

The proposed project will be conducted at 401 Commercial Street within the city limits of Strawberry Point.

(g) plans to minimize displacement of persons and businesses as a result of funded activities or projects;

No businesses or persons will be displaced as a result of the proposed project.

(h) plans to assist persons actually displaced, and;

No persons will be displaced as a result of the proposed project.

(i) the nature of the proposed activity or project.

The nature of the proposed project includes abandoning the existing outdated boiler system and installing a new HVAC system consisting of gas-fired furnaces and air-cooling condensing units, with each room to be serviced by its own unit; addressing water infiltration issues along the north side of the existing Library, including provisions to prevent water from imposing excessive lateral loads on the new wall; and improving the acoustics of the existing Multi-Purpose Room to better serve the needs of facility users.