

Humboldt County 2025 CDBG Public Meeting – Minutes

All comments received, all of which were verbal, have been documented in these minutes.

The meetings were held on Thursday, November 6, 2025, at 12:00 pm and 5:15 pm.

The 12:00 pm meeting had attendees, but the 5:15 pm meeting did not.

Location: <https://us06web.zoom.us>

12:00 p.m. (Meeting ID 815 3887 8238) or

5:15 p.m. (Meeting ID 826 7077 8834)

This meeting format complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The meeting notice provided an ADA contact to arrange for additional assistive technologies or reasonable accommodations. No requests were received.

AGENDA

Introductions

Hosted by Housing & Grants staff from the Planning & Building Department.

Kristin Martinique, Administrative Analyst

Attendees:

Colin Fiske - Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities

Ciara Emery - Blue Lake Rancheria

Charlie Heindon - Resident

Being a meeting of so few people, the formal agenda was set aside to allow for real-time interaction; allowing participants to ask questions and receive responses during the meeting; and discussion of the potential application.

Mr. Fiske offered two points:

- 1) that because transportation is a cost rivaling housing for the average resident, it should be included in the calculation of affordable housing when siting affordable housing.
- 2) expanding zoning changes similar to the zoning updates adopted in the McKinleyville Town Center to other parts of the county to allow for non-car-dependent housing would be a planning activity supported by CRTP.

Ms. Emery attended to represent the Blue Lake Rancheria's interest in development of Dock B. They have or are entering an MOU with the City of Eureka to allow grant funding, work or joint effort there. They are also working on an MOU with Peggy Murphy in the Economic Development division of the county for similar purposes. BLR is looking for predevelopment funds and economic development funds. They are not an eligible CDBG applicant.

Ms. Martinique described the potential application elements to date as written in the meeting materials. To wit:

The application maximum is \$3.6MM; currently comprised of \$1.5M for OOR loans program, \$1.8M for an infrastructure project, potentially in McKinleyville, and \$300K planning for a utilities study with Humboldt Community Services District.

She reiterated the National Objective is benefit to low- and moderate-income (LMI) people and that 70% of funds must benefit LMI people or households.

No activities contemplated are likely to result in displacement or relocation. This was not addressed in the meeting. The County's Anti-displacement policy will be posted, along with these minutes on the CDBG webpage of the Housing & Grants Division.

Mr. Heindon was invited to speak twice but did not respond.