

Redevelopment authority to seek funding

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The Fayette County Redevelopment Authority will seek state funding to continue programs that will benefit at-risk families and children and communities in need of financial aid to improve its infrastructure.

Andrew French, authority executive director, said that a meeting will be held Wednesday to get input regarding the submission of an application to the state Department of Community and Economic Development to secure funds through the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program.

“The ESG program provides funds for emergency shelters and transitional housing that assist homeless individuals and families, including victims of domestic violence, youth, people with mental illness, families with children and veterans,” said French. “ESG funds may also be used to aid individuals who are at imminent risk of becoming homeless due to eviction, foreclosure, or utility shutoff.”

In the past, ESG funding secured by the authority has aided Fayette County Community Action Agency and City Mission-Living Stones along with Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern Pennsylvania.

The public meeting will be held at the redevelopment office located at 86 W. Main St., Uniontown, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The authority is additionally seeking proposals from municipalities for projects to be undertaken through the county’s 2014 state Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

French said that the county received \$167,030 last year.

“Although the amount has been cut in the past, the CDBG program continues to provide much needed assistance for infrastructure, demolition, and recreation improvements,” said French.

French said that while all eligible proposals for funding will be considered, priority will be given to projects that have other, non-CDBG funding.

Proposed projects should have sufficient detail so that they can be initiated on the receipt of the CDBG funding, added French.

The projects must meet all federal, state and county requirements.

Non-entitlement municipalities and those wanting to be included in the competitive CDBG funding should contact the redevelopment authority to obtain a project request form.

All proposals must be received by the authority by May 30.

For additional information, call 724-437-1547.