



MEMORANDUM

TO: Lancaster County Council

FROM: Catawba Regional Council of Governments

DATE: February 27, 2023

SUBJECT: Needs Assessment Process

In order to apply for Community Development Block Grant funds, Lancaster County must complete a Needs Assessment. A Needs Assessment Public Hearing will be held on Monday, March 13, at 6:00 p.m. during the regularly scheduled County Council meeting in the Council Chambers.

At this hearing, Catawba Regional Council of Governments staff will present the past identified community needs and receive comments concerning the current needs, especially as they relate to the low and moderate income persons in Lancaster County.

Attached is a list of prioritized needs from Lancaster County's 2022 Needs Assessment. This can be used as a guide to identify Lancaster County's community needs for 2023, which will be updated after the hearing on March 13.

Also attached is an overview of the proposed use of Community Development Block Grant funds for the 2023-2024 program year. The next funding round for the Community Development Block Grant program is April 2023 and applications must be requested in March 2023. Infrastructure projects will be eligible in the spring funding round. Community Enrichment, Neighborhood Revitalization and Local Priorities applications will be due September 2023. Business Development and Ready to Go Public Facilities applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

For additional information, please contact Grazier Rhea, Angela Kirkpatrick, Christine Schwartz, Eleanor Mixon, or Katherine Farrand with Catawba Regional Council of Governments, at 803-327-9041.