

Public Notice and Notice of Public Hearing

The City of Burns, Or, is eligible to apply for a 2026 Community Development Block Grant from Business Oregon. Community Development Block Grant funds come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The grants can be used for public facilities, water/wastewater improvements, and housing improvements, primarily for persons with low and moderate incomes.

Approximately \$11 million will be awarded to Oregon non-metropolitan cities and counties in 2026. The maximum grant that a city or county can receive is \$2,500,000 for Water System Improvements and \$2,500,000 for Sewer Final Design.

The City of Burns is preparing two applications for a 2026 Community Development Block Grant from Business Oregon for Water System Improvements and Final Design on Sewer. It is estimated that the proposed project will benefit at least 2,730 persons, of whom 59.9% will be low or moderate income.

A public hearing will be held by the city council at 6:00 p.m. on June 24th at 242 South Broadway, Burns, OR 97720. The purpose of this hearing is for the city council 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 projects.

Written comments are also welcome and must be received by June 23rd at 242 South Broadway, Burns, OR 97720. Both oral and written comments will be considered by the City Council in deciding whether to apply.

The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Please contact Brenda Engebretson at (541) 573-5255 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 242 South Broadway, Burns, OR 97720 during regular office hours. Advance notice is requested. If special accommodations are needed, please notify Brenda Engebretson at (541)573-5255 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.