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## MEMO

To: Members, Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission  
From: Bill Wanner, Senior Regional Planner  
Date: January 29, 2009  
Re: Ranking Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Projects

**Purpose:** The purpose of this memo is to provide Commissioners with background information on the CDBG program and the ranking requirement.

**Background:** The Virginia Community Development Block Grant Program supports local construction projects in nine broad categories:

- Comprehensive Community Development
- Economic Development – Job Creation and Retention
- Economic Development – Site Redevelopment
- Economic Development – Development Readiness
- Economic Development – Business District Revitalization
- Housing – Housing Rehabilitation
- Housing – Housing Production Assistance
- Community Facility
- Community Service Facility

Construction grants are competitive and open to any non-entitlement community in the Commonwealth (the City of Charlottesville is an entitlement community and therefore not eligible).

We are required to submit a prioritized list of the nine broad categories to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development by March 25, 2009.

**Recommendations:** Staff will prepare a final list of projects to be submitted to the Virginia Community Development Block Grant Program and draft a priority ranking to be presented to the Commission at the March 5, 2009 meeting.

**Action Needed:** No action required prior to the March 5, 2009 meeting when the priority list must be finalized and prepared for submission by March 25, 2009.