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## MEMO

To: Members, Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission  
From: Bill Wanner, Senior Regional Planner  
Date: February 26, 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, and make recommendations for priority categories.

**Background:** The Virginia Community Development Block Grant Program supports local planning and construction projects in nine broad categories. The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development asks each PDC to rank them in three priority groups with a higher score given to projects in the top priority. One CDBG construction grant is to be submitted this year. Albemarle County is conducting an income survey of households for a potential public sewer line for the Oakhill neighborhood - the survey may lead to a CIG application in the Community Facilities category. Nelson County, and the Towns of Mineral and Stanardsville have planning grants for Business District Revitalization. In order to position ourselves more favorably as these planning grants yield full Construction grant applications, it is recommended that this category receive top priority. Since no other projects are to be submitted this year, the remaining categories are listed but their order is moot.

### **PRIORITY I CATEGORY**

1. Community Facilities
2. Economic Development - Business District Revitalization
3. Housing Production

### **PRIORITY II CATEGORY**

1. Comprehensive Community Development
2. Community Services Facilities
3. Housing Rehabilitation

### **PRIORITY III CATEGORY**

1. Economic Development – Site Redevelopment
2. Economic Development - Job Creation and Retention
3. Economic Development - Development Readiness

**Action Needed:** Adoption of regional CDBG priorities.