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To: Members, Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission
From: Bill Wanner, Senior Regional Planner
Date: January 27, 2010
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 community improvement 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

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 list of the nine broad categories prioritized into three groups to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development by March 19, 2010.

At this point, applications being discussed include:

- Albemarle County: Community Facility or Comprehensive Community Development (Oak Hill Subdivision)
- Albemarle County: Community Service Facility (Southern Albemarle Intergenerational Center)
- Albemarle County: Economic Development – Business District Revitalization (Crozet)
- Town of Mineral: Economic Development – Business District Revitalization
- Town of Stanardsville: Economic Development – Business District Revitalization
- Nelson County - Community Service Facility (Blue Ridge Medical Center expansion)

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 at the March 4, 2010 meeting.

Action Needed: Information item only for February. Action will be required at the March 4 meeting. The priority list must be submitted to DHCD by March 19, 2010.