

Public Hearing – October 22, 2025

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. for a public hearing in the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville, NC to present the 2025 Community Development Block Grant Neighborhood Revitalization Program through the North Carolina Department of Commerce. Board present: Meggan Smith, Lynn Cody, Jacob Nelms, Connie Orr and Natasha Williams. Also present: Manager Brady Cody, Project Manager Jason Marino, Clerk Kim Crisp and Southwestern Commission Director of Community and Economic Development Becca Scott.

1. Chair Smith called the meeting to order.
2. Chair Smith asks Manager Cody and Director Scott to proceed with the public hearing. Manager Cody stated that he will ask Director Scott to present.
3. Director Scott thanked the board for their time and stated she was here to present to the public the county's intent to apply for the 2025 Community Development Block Grant Neighborhood Revitalization Program through the NC Department of Commerce. This program provides funding to non-entitlement governments and municipalities throughout North Carolina to support sustainability and resiliency throughout the areas that receive funding. Director Scott stated that Graham County will be applying to the North Carolina Department of Commerce for the 2025 Community Development Block Grant Neighborhood Revitalization and is seeking to apply for up to \$5,000,000.00 of the FEMA Declared funding for housing projects. Director Scott stated if they are awarded the full \$5,000,000.00 at least 90% of the funds will be used for the Scattered Site Housing Rehabilitation throughout Graham County and Municipalities. Director Scott stated the final number of, and the location of the houses will be selected by the Selection Committee prior to application submission and no more than 10% will be used for the administration of the program. Director Scott stated that all activities must benefit low to moderate income as required by the CDBG guidelines. Director Scott stated that assistance can be provided for displacement and will be made available. Director Scott stated that Graham County will provide all individuals with equal access to the CDBG-NR Program, regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, familial status, or disability and encourages the opportunity to provide oral and written comments on the County's use of the CDBG-NR funds.
4. Director Scott thanked the board and the public for their time.
5. Chair Smith asks for public comment. Manager Cody expressed his gratitude to the Five Point Center for their help and allowing us to use their resources. Manager Cody stated that our staff would not have been able to complete the paperwork necessary for the number of homes that the county hopes to repair, replace or reconstruct. Director Michelle Shiplet with Five Point Center stated that she was glad to help, and glad that the board was able to see the need that is out in our communities.
6. Chair Smith asks for a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Orr made the motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

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Meggan Smith, Chair, Graham County Commissioner

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Lynn Cody, Vice-Chairman, Graham County Commissioner

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Jacob Nelms, Member, Graham County Commissioner

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Connie Orr, Member, Graham County Commissioner

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Natasha Williams, Member, Graham County Commissioner

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Kim Crisp, Clerk to the Board