

COUNTY OF NELSON
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (DHCD) COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
2014 LOCAL INNOVATION GRANT (LIG) FUNDS

Virginia CDBG Grant Programs Range of Eligible Projects Funding: See 2014 Virginia CDBG Program Design Appendix E-2013 Virginia CDBG Funding Matrix

Project: Nelson County Local Innovation Grant

Local Innovation Grant (LIG) Program Range of Eligible Projects:

- Individual Development Account programs
- Loan funds to support Economic Restructuring activities
- Entrepreneurship Development
- Heritage Tourism projects
- **Telecommunications projects**
- Sustainable community development efforts

Amount of LIG Funds Granted: \$200,000

The County will utilize all available funds for a Telecommunications Project that will construct approximately 8.1 miles of fiber optic cabling in conduit. The County is required to provide a 50% match of \$100,000 which will also be used for this purpose.

Program Income: No Program Income will be generated by the project.

Past Performance in CDBG-LIG Grant Program Over the Last Five Years:

In 2012, the County was the recipient of \$200,000 in these grant funds that contributed towards successfully building the County's 31 mile fiber optic Broadband network.

Other CDBG Funds Utilized Over the Last Five Years:

In 2010, the County was the recipient of \$700,000 in CDBG, Community Facilities Grant funding that contributed to the construction of the new Blue Ridge Medical Center and Dental Clinic in Arrington, Virginia.

Availability of Funds and Range of Activities for Telecommunications Projects:

Up to \$200,000 per project is available for telecommunications efforts which may include implementation (e.g., installation of a fiber network) or system development and support (e.g., community business training and education). CDBG funds can only be used for open-access networks that allow for competition among different service providers.

Benefit to Low-to-Moderate Income Persons:

The National Objective to be achieved through the funding is job retention and creation. At least 51 percent of the permanent, full time jobs (including permanent, full time equivalent jobs) will be held by or made available to LMI persons. It is anticipated that the grant funds will enable the creation of twenty (20) new jobs and provide retention of twenty (20) jobs of which 51 % or 11 jobs will be held or made available to LMI persons.

Displacement:

There will be no displacement of citizens during or because of the project.