

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEARBY GIVEN that the Commissioners of St. Mary's County will hold a Public Hearing on September 22, 2015, at 10 a.m. in the Chesapeake Building located at 41770 Baldrige Street in Leonardtown, Maryland to receive comments and questions on community development and housing needs and to offer citizens the opportunity to review a Community Development Block Grant application. This grant would enable delivery of 2,160 square feet of additional space at 46905 Lei Drive, Lexington Park, Maryland, in order to expand social services support in St. Mary's County. The additional space will be provided through a modular building that will include 6 transient crisis beds used to address emergency situations prior to identifying a permanent housing solution; a veterans resource center including a computer lab; and space for program services including intake, case management, counseling, and administration. Three Oaks Homeless Shelter, Inc., dba Three Oaks Center, through the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, proposes to submit a Community Development Block Grant application to the State of Maryland to provide this facility. Citizens are encouraged to attend and participate in the public hearing.

Project Title: Three Oaks Center Community Development Block Grant Special Projects
Public Agency: Three Oaks Homeless Shelter, Inc., dba Three Oaks Center
Purpose of Project: Provide 2,160 sq. ft. modular building to meet expanded homeless service needs
Total Project Cost: \$140,000

The Community Development Block Grant Program is a federal funded program administered by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development designed to assist units of local government with activities directed toward neighborhood and housing revitalization, economic development, and improved community facilities and services.

The Community Development Block Grant Program reflects the State's economic and community development priorities and provides public funds for activities that meet one of the following national objectives in accordance with the Housing Community Development Act of 1974, as amended:

1. Give maximum feasible priority to activities that will benefit low and moderate income persons and households having an income equal to or less than the Section 8 lower income limits established by the Department of Housing and Urban Development;
2. Aid in the prevention of elimination of slums or blight; and
3. Meet other community development needs of an urgent nature or that cause an immediate threat to community health and welfare.

For interested participants, public transportation using the County's STS bus system is available. Efforts will be made to accommodate non-English speaking residents with **5 days' notice** to Jean Ortiz at 301-866-6590 ext. 1437 or for the Deaf/hard of hearing to the Maryland Relay Service at 1-800-735-2258 (V/TTY). The hearing location is fully accessible.

Written comments, questions, and suggestions may be submitted on or before September 22, 2015, to Commissioners of St. Mary's County, Post Office Box 653, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY