

Community Students Learning Center receives \$596K to Rehab Housing

BankPlus and FHLB Dallas provide funds for mostly rural homeowners

LEXINGTON, MISSISSIPPI, March 31, 2021 – a \$596,160 Affordable Housing Program (AHP) subsidy to Community Students

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

The City of Tchula, Mississippi, is considering applying to the Mississippi Development Authority for a Community Development Block Grant of up to \$450,000.00. The State of Mississippi has been allocated approximately \$23 million that will be made available to cities and counties on a competitive basis to undertake eligible community development activities. These funds must be used for one of the following purposes:

1. To benefit low- and moderate-income persons and households;
2. To aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; or
3. To meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

The activities for which these funds may be used are in the areas of economic development and public facilities. The City of Tchula’s proposed project consists of sewer system improvements. The public hearing will be held April 26, 2021, at 4:00 p. m. at the Tchula City Hall and will provide more specific details regarding the activities, program requirements, and the rating system. The purpose of this hearing will be to obtain citizen input into the development of the application.

The location for this hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. If a translator is needed for non-English speaking persons, please contact Rio Winters at (662)283-2675 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting in an effort to accommodate this request. The City of Tchula does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admissions or access to or treatment of employment in its program activities.

The City of Lexington, Mississippi, is considering applying to the Mississippi Development Authority for a Community Development Block Grant of up to \$450,000.00. The State of Mississippi has been allocated approximately \$25 million that will be made available to cities and counties on a competitive basis to undertake eligible community development activities. These funds must be used for one of the following purposes:

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The activities for which these funds may be used are in the areas of economic development and public facilities. The City of Lexington’s proposed project consists of sewer system improvements. The public hearing will be held April 26, 2021, at 5:00 p. m. at the Lexington City Hall and will provide more specific details regarding the activities, program requirements, and the rating system. The purpose of this hearing will be to obtain citizen input into the development of the application.

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Learning Center (CSLC) to rehabilitate 60 homes for low-income, special-needs homeowners.

The funds will primarily assist individuals with mobility limitations who need wheelchair ramps, bathroom lift bars or wider doorways, but other individuals who own their own home and meet income restrictions may also qualify for help. Eighty percent of the homes are in the rural area of Mississippi’s Holmes County, and the remaining 20 percent are in an economically diverse area.

“Applicants will be offered home maintenance training,” said Beulah Greer, CSLC executive director. “With the help of the Affordable Housing Program subsidy, we are able to provide a program that is very much-needed in the community, at no cost.”

BankPlus First Vice President and Director of Affordable Housing, Mark Ouellette, said the AHP helps the bank create a footprint in its

community.

“The Affordable Housing Program is a great offering that allows BankPlus to provide organizations with support to improve housing quality and availability,” said Mr. Ouellette. “BankPlus is excited to partner with the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas and work with Community Students Learning Center to carry out its mission.”

AHP funds are intended to assist FHLB Dallas members in financing the purchase, construction and/or rehabilitation of owner-occupied, rental or transitional housing and housing for homeless individuals. AHP funds must be used to benefit households with incomes at or below 80 percent of the median income for the area.

In 2020, FHLB Dallas awarded \$19.3 million in subsidies to 38 affordable housing projects. The funds will help create 2,749 new or rehabilitated housing units. Included in that total are \$2.3 million in subsidies for 231 units of housing in the state of Mississippi.

Since the AHP’s inception in 1990, FHLB Dallas has

awarded more than \$323 million in AHP and Homeownership Set-Aside Programs and has assisted more than 57,000 households.

“Residents in rural areas are oftentimes forgotten when it comes to helping those in need with affordable housing,” said Greg Hettrick, first vice president and director of Community Investment at FHLB Dallas. “We are honored to partner with BankPlus to help Community Students Learning Center achieve its project goals.”

For more information about the AHP, visit fhlb.com/ahp.

About BankPlus

Founded in 1909, BankPlus is one of the Southeast’s premier regional banks serving consumers and businesses with the latest technology through a full suite of financial services, including retail banking, commercial banking, mortgage lending and wealth management. With approximately \$4.5 billion in total assets, BankPlus operates 79 financial centers throughout Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana. For more information about

BankPlus, visit www.bankplus.net.

About the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas

The Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas is one of 11 district banks in the FHLBank System created by Congress in 1932. FHLB Dallas, with total assets of \$64.9 billion as of December 31, 2020, is a member-owned cooperative that supports housing and community development by providing competitively priced loans and other credit products to approximately 800 members and associated institutions in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas. For more information, visit our website at fhlb.com.

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we do ask that you comment/ share the event with alumni, friends and family of Holmes Community College to let us know you participated.

For more information please contact the Holmes Community College Alumni Office: 662-472-9134 or Email Katherine Ellard: kellard@holmescc.edu.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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- 1) Footnote abbr.
6) Meet activity
10) Type of solo performance
14) Go no further
15) Button on a deli scale
16) Archaeology projects
17) You can do this when you're 13
20) Cheap way to travel
21) Throw forcefully
22) Play for a sap
23) Mangy mutt
25) "___ Miz"
26) Tight spot
30) "The Elder" of Rome
31) Screwdriver or gimlet
32) Kitchen wrap brand
33) Lobbying org.
36) You can do this when you're 17
- 40) Small, in Dundee
41) Autobahn autos
42) Nash's "one-I" fellow
43) Fingerboard ridge
44) Colorer's need
46) Riled, with "up"
49) "Go on ..."
50) ___ Carangi (Jolie title role)
51) Affair of the heart
53) Disney movie with dancing hippos
58) You can do this when you're 18
61) Buckwheat's affirmative
62) Stadium shape
63) Formal decree
64) Cartoon collectibles
65) Circus safety gear
66) Indian metropolis

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By Fred Piscop

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2) Bog growth
3) Spelunker's hangout
4) Words of understanding
5) Rip to shreds
6) Old West transport
7) Suffix with "soft" or "hard"
8) Vaccine spot
9) Louvre Pyramid architect
10) Wood-dressing tool
11) Match in ability
12) Brushoff to a solicitor
13) Volcanic spew
18) High-pH substance
19) Restroom seat, slangily
23) Golfers' transports
24) Zion National Park state
26) Slow-cooked fare
27) Gelato holder
28) Casting director's offer
29) "Aladdin" prince
30) "Shut up!"
32) Aligned oneself (with)
33) Make an appeal
34) Shells, but not ziti
35) Printer's blue hue
37) Serengeti outing
38) Go sour
39) Cotton State (Abbr.)
44) Pres.'s military title
45) Sang to the cops
46) Mass destruction
47) Overplay one's part
48) Wreck completely
50) Iona College athletes
52) 180-degree turns, slangily
53) Tuned too low
54) Errand runner
55) Flower pot filler
56) Ruler marking
57) Sparkling wine town
59) ___ sequitur
60) Genesis outcast