

October 19, 2004

A public hearing was held on the above date at Town Hall regarding Charleston County Grant Administration Needs, all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been satisfied:

Present were: J. Marshall Stith, Mayor  
Jane Ellen Herron, Councilwoman  
Debra Hazen-Martin, Councilwoman  
Patrick M. O'Neil, Councilman  
J. Carl Smith, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Alys Anne Wiedeke, Councilwoman  
William J. Wood, Councilman

Mr. Philip LaRoche, Community Development Manager for Grants Administration at Charleston County, stated that applications will be accepted October 14, 2004 through January 14, 2004. The application is available on-line at [charlestoncounty.org](http://charlestoncounty.org). He stated there are three types of funds: home programs (affordable housing), emergency shelters (housing for homeless), and community development block grant program (community revitalization ie sewer, water, paving streets, sidewalks, ramps, and economic development). Mr. LaRoche stated they expect funding of \$3.7 million; 51% will go to North Charleston; 49% will go to other areas. There are two stipulations for receiving funds: direct benefit and area benefit. Income must be less than 80% of median income of Charleston County as determined by HUD. For rehabilitation of a home for someone on fixed income (ie new roof, plumbing, electrical), it has to be owner occupied and their income must be less than 80% of median income. The applicant is given a "forgiveable loan" that doesn't require payment, however a ten-year lien is placed on the property, which decreases 10% each year.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen McQueeney  
Town Clerk