



Date of Council Meeting: November 26, 2012

**TOWN OF LEESBURG  
TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

**Subject:** FY 2014 CDBG Application

**Staff Contact:** Betsy Fields, Research & Communications Manager

**Recommendation:** No action required.

**Issue:** Should the Town submit an application for CDBG funding for the Plaza Street sidewalk?

**Fiscal Analysis:** The project will cost \$350,000 to design and construct. If a grant application is approved, the Town would be required to provide matching funds.

**Background:** The deadline to submit Community Development Block Grant applications to Loudoun County for the FY 2014 round of funding is December 18, 2012.

In 2010, the Town submitted a CDBG application requesting construction funding for the sidewalk on the west side of Plaza Street, from the Public Safety Center to Edwards Ferry Road. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$350,000, and the Town proposed a 20% match (\$70,000). The Town's application was not selected for funding.

Given the demands that are likely to be placed on the CDBG pool of funding for housing-related projects and programs that directly impact low income families, staff believes that an application for the Plaza Street sidewalk project will not be competitive. An increase in matching funds might make the application more competitive, but not significantly. Unless Council directs otherwise, staff will not submit a CDBG application for the FY 2014 round of funding.