

Community Development Advisory Committee

Seeking New Members

Montgomery County receives between \$4m and \$5m in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds annually from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. These funds are administered by the Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA) and are used for a range of activities. The Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) is a group of 15-20 residents appointed by the County Executive to conduct public hearings to evaluate Montgomery County's community development needs and past performance each fall and to make recommendations as to the use of these funds, especially the approximately 15% of funds used for Public Service Grants. CDAC members are appointed for staggered three-year terms. DHCA is soliciting new CDAC members to assist with this process this fall.

CDAC members meet for two to three hours for an average of 5-7 Tuesday evenings (plus one Wednesday evening) during the fall each year. The full CDAC attends the first two meetings, one of which is the formal public hearing. The CDAC then breaks down into subcommittees for the remaining meetings at which members hear presentations by, and consider funding recommendations for, that year's CDBG Public Service Grant applicants. Over the past three years the CDAC has considered 125 CDBG Public Service applications and awarded over \$1.5 million to 40 eligible applicants.

Fiscal Year	# Public Service Applications received	# Public Service Applications funded	Total Public Service Funds Awarded
2013	50	12	\$457,000
2014	38	14	\$516,000
2015	37	14	\$540,000
TOTALS	125	40	\$1,513,000

DHCA staff assists with conducting outreach for new CDAC members, conducts interviews, and makes recommendations on appointments to the County Executive. Each of the three or four CDAC subcommittees have a DHCA staff liaison who provides support by setting up presentation dates for applicants, providing supplemental information as may be requested by CDAC members and handling the logistics for all the meetings.

CDAC eligibility requirements require you to live in Montgomery County and currently not be serving on a Board, Committee or Commission established by the County Council or County Executive, and not be a current employee of the Montgomery County Government, the Housing Opportunities Commission, or the Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission, or any local government, or be an elected official of any federal, state, or local government.

If you are interested in becoming a CDAC member please contact Stevens Brown at (240) 777-3685 or by email at stevens.brown@montgomerycountymd.gov.