RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LENOIR
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION
OVT PAVILION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Lenoir City Council has previously indicated its desire to assist in community development efforts; and,

WHEREAS, the Lenoir City Council has held two public hearings concerning the proposed application for Community Development Block Grant funding to benefit low- and moderate-income residents of the Lenoir community; and,

WHEREAS, the Lenoir City Council wishes the City to pursue a formal application for Community Development Block Grant funding to benefit low-and-moderate income residents through the construction of the Overmountain Victory Trail (OVT) Pavilion, rehabilitation of the existing building at 1129 West Ave NW into a Visitors Center – Auxiliary Support Space, and the demolition of the existing building at 1136 Harper Ave.

WHEREAS, the Lenoir City Council certifies it will meet all federal regulatory and statutory requirements of the Community Development Block Grant Program,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE LENOIR CITY COUNCIL:

That Scott Hildebran, City Manager, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the City of Lenoir with The NC Department of Commerce Division of Community Revitalization (DCR) for approval of a Community Development Block Disaster Recovery Grant for Community Development to benefit low-and-moderate income residents through the construction of the Overmountain Victory Trail (OVT) Pavilion, rehabilitation of the existing building at 1129 West Ave NW into a Visitors Center – Auxiliary Support Space, and the demolition of the existing building at 1136 Harper Ave.

That Scott Hildebran, City Manager, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as The NC Department of Commerce Division of Community Revitalization (DCR) may request in connection with such application or the project; to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That the City of Lenoir has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to the grants pertaining thereto.

Adopted this the 2nd day of June, 2026 at Lenoir, North Carolina.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

CITY OF LENOIR, NC
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THE CITY OF LENOIR CDBG CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

This plan describes how The **City of Lenoir** will involve citizens in the planning, implementation, and assessment of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The funds must be used for projects which benefit low and moderate-income persons, aids in the elimination and prevention of slums and blight. The program is intended to assist governments in understanding neighborhood improvement programs. The regulations give ultimate responsibility for the design and implementation of the program to local elected officials and require that citizens be given an opportunity to serve in a key advisory role to these elected officials.

SCOPE OF CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Citizens will be involved in all stages of the CDBG program, including program implementation, assessment of performance, and design of changes in the CDBG Citizen Participation Plan. There will be three (3) general mechanisms for their involvement:

1. To provide input during public hearings or community meetings; and
2. To provide individual citizen efforts in the form of comments, complaints, or inquiries submitted directly to the Program Administrators or designated County official; and
3. To serve as an advisory committee to potential projects impacting a particular area.

PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

Citizen participation in program implementation will occur primarily through consultation with the City. The City will be asked to review and comment on specific guidelines for approved projects. They will also meet to review any program amendments, budget revisions, and program modifications. All such changes will be discussed with the City and their comments considered prior to acting. If program amendments require approval from the North Carolina Department of Commerce, a public hearing shall be held, specifically on the amendment. Citizens may also be involved in implementation of projects specifically requiring citizen participation, such as self-help projects. Their roles will be defined as the project develops. Technical assistance will be available as needed.

PROGRAM ASSESSMENT

Program assessment activities by citizens will occur in a variety of ways. A performance hearing will be held twenty- five (25) to sixty (60) days prior to the start of planning for the next program year. The Program Amendment will be asked to provide citizen commentary for the Grantee Performance Report.

As a part of the orientation to the program offered at the public hearing, citizens will be invited to submit comments on all aspects of program performance through the program year. Comments should be submitted in writing to the **City of Lenoir**, 801 West Ave NW, Lenoir, NC 28645. They will respond in writing within ten (10) days. If the response is unsatisfactory, the complainant should write directly to the Mayor c/o the Clerk to the Board, 801 West Ave NW, Lenoir, NC 28645. They shall respond within ten (10) days.

If the citizen is still dissatisfied, the citizen should write to the NC Department of Commerce, Division of Community Revitalization (DCR)/State CDBG Program, 4301 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-4346, Attention: Citizen Participation Matter. Program staff will also be available during normal business hours to respond to any citizen inquiries or complaints at (919) 707-1560.

The Citizen Participation Plan will be subject to annual review and proposed revision, to occur in the period between the performance hearing and the public hearing on the subsequent year's application.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Technical Assistance will be provided to citizen organizations and groups of low/moderate income persons or target area residents upon request to the City of Lenoir. Such assistance will support citizen efforts to develop proposals, define policy, and organize for the implementation of the program. It is expected that such assistance will be provided by the **City of Lenoir** in response to their request. Assistance could be provided in the form of local presentations, informational handouts, research of a specific issue, or other short-term efforts.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

The City of Lenoir will also undertake public information efforts to promote citizen participation. These efforts will include the following:

1. Public Notice of all Public Hearings will be published in the non-legal section of the local newspaper at least ten (10) days before the scheduled hearing. These notices will indicate the date, time, location, and topics to be considered. These notices will also be made available in the form of a press release, posted on the City of Lenoir website and posted at publicly accessible City of Lenoir facilities as appropriate.
2. Orientation Information will be provided at the first public hearing. The Program Administrator(s) will make a presentation which covers: (a) the total amount of CDBG funds available and the competitive basis for award; (b) the range of eligible activities; (c) the planning process and the schedule of meetings and hearings; (d) the role of citizens in the program; and (e) a summary of other program requirements, such as the environmental policies, fair housing provisions, and contracting procedures.
3. A Public File containing program documentation will be available for review at the City of Lenoir, 801 West Ave NW, Lenoir, NC 28645 during normal business hours. Included will be copies of the Application, Environmental Review Record, the Citizen Participation Plan, and the Annual Performance Report.
4. Public Hearings an interpreter will be provided for all non-English speaking individuals and/or hearing impaired individuals.

ADOPTED, this 2nd day of June, 2026.

Mayor
City of Lenoir

Clerk
City of Lenoir

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RESOLUTION APPROVING
THE CITY OF LENOIR
CDBG-DR CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

WHEREAS, The City of Lenoir is in the process of preparing applications for grants through the North Carolina Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery Program;

WHEREAS, program requirements require each applicant and recipient shall provide citizens with an opportunity for meaningful involvement on a continuing basis and for participation in the planning, implementation and assessment of the program;

WHEREAS, further, each applicant for CDBG-DR funds shall develop and adopt, by resolution of their governing board, a written citizen participation plan developed in accordance with applicable rules; and

WHEREAS, Planning Department has drafted a citizen participation plan and requests its adoption by the Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council for the City of Lenoir as follows:

1. That the City of Lenoir CDBG-DR Citizen Participation Plan included with this agenda item is hereby adopted, and the Mayor is authorized to execute said Plan.

2. That all acts and doings of officers, employees and agents of the City, whether taken prior to, on, or after the date of this Resolution, that are in conformity with and in the furtherance of the purposes and intents of this Resolution as described above shall be, and the same hereby are, in all respects ratified, approved and confirmed.

3. That this resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

This the 2nd day of June, 2026.

ATTEST

Clerk

CITY COUNCIL FOR THE
CITY OF LENOIR

BY
Mayor

Approved as to form:

City Attorney

CITY OF LENOIR, NC
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RESIDENTIAL ANTI-DISPLACEMENT AND RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PLAN

This Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan is prepared by the City of Lenoir in accordance with the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; and HUD regulations at 24 CFR 42.325 and is applicable to our CDBG projects.

Minimize Displacement

Consistent with the goals and objectives of activities assisted under the Act, the City will take the following steps to minimize the direct and indirect displacement of persons from their homes:

- Coordinate code enforcement with rehabilitation and housing assistance programs.
- Evaluate housing codes and rehabilitation standards in reinvestment areas to prevent undue financial burden on established owners and tenants.
- Arrange for facilities to house persons who must be relocated temporarily during rehabilitation.
- Adopt tax assessment policies, such as deferred tax payment plans, to reduce impacts of increasing property tax assessments on lower income owner-occupants or tenants in revitalizing areas.
- Work with HUD approved Housing Counseling Agency to provide homeowners and tenants with information on assistance available to help them remain in their neighborhood in the face of revitalization pressures.
- Where feasible, give priority to rehabilitation of housing, as opposed to demolition, to avoid displacement.

CDBG programs include: Entitlement Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, State CDBG Program, CDBG Small Cities Program, Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program, CDBG Special Purpose Grants Program, and the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP).

- If feasible, demolish or convert only dwelling units that are not occupied or vacant occupiable dwelling units (especially those units which are "low-income dwelling units" (as defined in 24 CFR 42.305).
- Target only those properties deemed essential to the need or success of the project.

A. Relocation Assistance to Displaced Persons

The City will provide relocation assistance for lower-income tenants who, in connection with an activity assisted under the CDBG Program[s], move permanently or move personal property from real property as a direct result of the demolition of any dwelling unit or the conversion of a lower-income dwelling unity in accordance with the requirements of 24 CFR 42.350. A displaced person who is not a lower-income

tenant will be provided with relocation assistance in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24.

B. One-for-One Replacement and Lower-Income Dwelling Units

The City will replace all occupied and vacant occupiable lower-income dwelling units demolished or converted to a use other than lower-income housing in connection with a project assisted with funds provided under the CDBG Program[s] in accordance with 24 CFR 42.375.

Before entering into a contract committing the City of Lenoir to provide funds for a project that will directly result in demolition or conversion of lower-income dwelling units, the City will make public by publish in a local paper of general circulation and post on the information board in City Hall and submit to State CDBG Programs(s) North Carolina Department of Commerce (NCDOC) the following information in writing:

1. A description of the proposed assisted project;
2. The address, number of bedrooms, and location on a map of lower-income dwelling units that will be demolished or converted to a use other than as lower-income dwelling units as a result of an assisted project;
3. A time schedule for the commencement and completion of the demolition or conversion;
4. To the extent known, the address, number of lower-income dwelling units by size (number of bedrooms) and location on a map of the replacement lower-income housing that has been or will be provided. *[See also CFR 42.375(d)].*
5. The source of funding and a time schedule for the provision of the replacement dwelling units;
6. The basis for concluding that each replacement dwelling unit will remain a lower-income dwelling unit for at least 10 years from the date of initial occupancy; and
7. Information demonstrating that any proposed replacement of lower-income dwelling units with smaller swelling units (e.g., a 2-bedroom unit with two 1-bedroom units), or any proposed replacement of efficiency or single-room occupancy (SRO) units with units of a different size, is appropriate and consistent with the housing needs and priorities identified in the HUD-approved Consolidated Plan and 24 CFR 42.375(b).

To the extent that the specific location of the replacement dwelling units and other data in items 4 through 7 are not available at the time of the general submission, the City will identify the general location of such dwelling units on a map and complete the disclosure and submission requirements as soon as the specific data is available.

C. Replacement not Required Based on Unit Availability

Under CFR 24 42.375(d), the City may submit a request to the State (NCDOC) for a determination that one-for-one replacement requirement does not apply based on objective data that there is an adequate supply of vacant lower-income dwelling units in standard condition available on a non-discriminatory basis within the areas.

D. Contacts

The City Clerk, Lauren Hartley (828) 757-2205, is responsible for tracking the replacement of lower income dwelling units and ensuring that they are provided within the required period.

The Chief Financial Officer, Donna Bean (828) 757-2180, is responsible for providing relocation payments and other relocation assistance to any lower-income person displaced by the demolition of any dwelling unit or the conversion of lower-income dwelling units to another use.

Adopted this 2nd day of June, 2026

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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