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SEPTEMBER 2018 Executive Director's Report

The following items of special interest were processed since last month's meeting:

1.) **Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year 43/
FY 2017 Program Update.** All of our twelve CDBG Year 43/FY 2017 projects are now completed; with submissions of final paperwork and cost reports for two projects being filed.

2.) **Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year 44/
FY 2018 Bid Cycles.** Allegheny County Economic Development's (ACED) 2018 Final Annual Action Plan was submitted to HUD on May 15, 2018. CDBG Yr. 44 Award (and non-funding) Letters for the participating COG members were received and distributed electronically on June 15, 2018 to the respective municipal secretary/managers, their engineer's of record, and the COG Board members. A one-time additional CDBG grant award to Allegheny County of approximately \$1M (from which approximately \$800K in project grants would be available) was made possible by a \$300M increase in CDBG funding for this year that yielded one additional funded project, for a total of fourteen (14) CDBG projects this program year. As has been the case for the last several years, since the return to the July-August program year, the bid cycles for CDBG Yr. 44/FY 2018 had a bid opening in late August & will have the second on October 1, 2018.

The **Initial Bid Cycle's opening was held on Monday, August 27th**; due to the fact the fact that the COG Board would not meet in August, the Board passed a resolution at the July 2018 meeting to award to the lowest responsible bidder for each of the seven projects scheduled to open that date, as determined by the participating members' governing body, at the recommendation of their consulting engineers, and in consultation with their solicitors. At this month's meeting, the actual bid results are reported to the Board below, and in compliance with the action of the participating members, the Board's confirmation of those awards made will be sought tonight.

**Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project, Ph. IV
Bidbook #06-18; CD 44-3.12.5
EAST DEER TOWNSHIP**

Bid Recipients	Total Base Bid
1. Granite Inliner, LLC	NO BID
2. Insight Pipe Contracting	\$ 95,929.00
3. IPR	\$ 114,972.50
4. Jet Jack, Inc.	\$ 89,106.00
5. State Pipe Services	NO BID

Sanitary Sewer Repair & MH Rehab. Project , Ph. I
Bidbook 8-18 CD Year 44-3.12.2
SPRINGDALE TOWNSHIP

Bid Recipients	Total Base Bid
1. Abel Recon	NO BID
2. Granite Liner, LLC	NO BID
3. Holbein, Inc.	NO BID
4. Insight Pipe Contracting, LLC	\$ 115,904.00
5. Insituform Technologies, LLC	\$ 124,600.00
6. IPR	\$ 124,737.50
7. Jet Jack, Inc.	NO BID
8. State Pipe Services, Inc.	NO BID
9. Urban Group DMY Corp.	NO BID

Saniatry Sewer Rehab. Project, Ph. III
(Bidbook #09-18; CD 44-3.12.6
VERONA BOROUGH

BIDDERS' LIST	TOTAL BASE BID
1. Abel Recon	NO BID
2. Granite Inliner, LLC	NO BID
3. Insight Pipe Contracting, LLC	\$ 104,792.10
4. Insituform Technologies	\$ 96,430.00
5. IPR	\$ 79,214.00
6. Jet Jack, Inc.	\$ 91,880.00
7. Sciaretti Site Development & Paving	NO BID
8. State Pipe Services, Inc.	NO BID

**Safe Neighborhood Demolition Project
 Bidbook 17-18 CD Year 44-3.11.1
 BRACKENRIDGE BOROUGH**

Bid Recipients	Total Base Bid
1. Allen Demolition Company	
2. Beblo Excavation	
3. Ron Gillette, Inc.	
4. Lutterman Excavating	
5. Jadell Minniefield Construction	
6. A.P. Wise Exavating	

**ADA Handicap Sidewalk Ramps Project, Phase V
 Bidbook 15-18; CD Year 44-7.1(a)
 BRACKENRIDGE BOROUGH**

Bid Recipients	Total Base Bid
1. Ron Gillette, Inc.	
2. M & B Services, LLC	
3. Joe Palmeiri Construction	
4. Nunzio Pulice & Sons	
5. Satira Construction	
6. U & S Construction	

**ADA Handicap Sidewalk Ramps Project
 Bidbook 16-18 CD Year 44-3.10.1
 HARRISON TOWNSHIP**

Bid Recipients	Total Base Bid
1. Ron Gillette, Inc.	
2. M & B Services, LLC	
3. Joe Palmeiri Construction	
4. Nunzio Pulice & Sons	
5. Satira Construction	
6. U & S Construction	

We encouraged our members, therefore, to carefully consider all possible CDBG applications for submission this fall. It is true there are engineering costs in the preparation of applications, and time & effort required from the municipal staff, particularly if household surveys are required to document eligibility. We did see an increase in Pre-Applications filed this year, from eighteen last year, to twenty-five this year, a nearly forty percent increase!

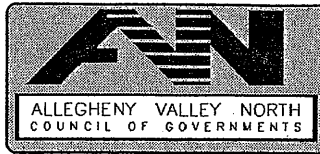
Changes for CDBG Year 45/FY 2020 Application Process. As was reported in June, the County secured private foundation funding, including the Heinz Foundation, for an effort to make the CDBG application process available completely on an “on-line basis,” referred to a “digital transformation.”

The COG Directors requested several additional functions for the CDBG webform/application that are crucial for the efficient and effective use of the new format. Due to the amount of the information required for the CDBG application, and the complexity associated with obtaining the information, the COG members have requested an alteration to the Client Login and User Account design. Specifically:

- a “Master Account” would be created for each COG;
- this account will be permitted to create Sub-accounts for specific users; and
- this would allow engineers and other specified users to update the open application.

It was initially felt these changes would not happen immediately, possibly not until CDBG Year 46/FY 2020; but it was announced, in July, that the on-line (full) CDBG Application, would be implemented this fall in the CDBG Program Year 45/FY 2019 Application process. The Pre-application submissions, while utilizing a “fill-able” application form, were not completed on-line. They were required, however, to be submitted electronically to the COGs for review, then, in turn, submitted by e-mail to the Allegheny County Economic Development (ACED) department.

However, a special, on-line training session was held by ACED regarding the new Full On-Line CDBG Application was held on September 14, 2018, and it appears that the on-line application process will, in fact, proceed this year.



CD YEAR 45 PRE- APPLICATIONS

(Submission Deadline: Friday, September 14, 2018)

<u>MUNICIPALITY</u>	<u>PROP.#</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>PROJ. EST.</u>	<u>CD REQ.</u>
ASPINWALL B.		2 nd Ave. Sanitary Sewer Const.	\$ 128,000	\$ 117,000
		2 nd Ave. Waterline Replacement	\$ 104,000	\$ 9,000
		ADA Handicap Ramp Imprvmnts.	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
BRACKENRIDGE B.		Safe Neighborhoods Demolitions	\$ 71,000	\$ 60,000
EAST DEER T.		Keller Alley Roadway Imprvmnts.	\$ 55,000	\$ 46,750
		Clarks Pike Roadway Imprvmnts.	\$ 37,400	\$ 20,000
		Safe Neighborhoods Demolition	\$ 55,000	\$ 46,750
		1 st & Edna Valve Replacement	\$ 33,000	\$ 21,450
		Crystal View Dr Valve Replcmnt	\$ 31,000	\$ 20,150
HARMAR T.		Sanitary Sewer Lining, Ph. 2	\$ 120,460	\$ 78,299
HARRISON T.		Safe Neighborhood Demolition	\$ 78,000	\$ 78,000
		ADA Handicap Sidewalk Ramps	\$ 32,680	\$ 32,680
		Natrona Sewer System Improvements	\$ 346,196	\$ 225,027
OAKMONT B.		ADA Handicap Ramps	\$ 23,800	\$ 23,800
		Maple Way Sewer Separation	\$ 144,383	\$ 81,608
SPRINGDALE B.		Safe Neighborhood Demolition	\$ 89,000	\$ 75,000
		Handicapped Ramps Placement Program	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
SPRINGDALE T.		Safe Neighborhood Demolitions	\$ 43,500	\$ 35,000
		High Street Drainage Improvements	\$ 57,989	\$ 50,428
TARENTUM B.		Water Valve Replacement, Ph. IV	\$ 81,500	\$ 52,975
VERONA B.		866 & 870 4 th Street Demo (SND)	\$ 30,000	\$ 24,000
		Center Avenue Road Recon.	\$ 30,777	\$ 20,000
		Sanitary Sewer Rehab., Ph. 4	\$ 88,826	\$ 57,737
		Cribbs Field Park Improvements	\$ 25,660	\$ 21,811
HARRISON TWP.		Penn St. Waterline Replacement	\$ 249,939	\$ 162,460
WATER AUTHORITY				
A.V.N.C.O.G		Project Management	\$ 130,000	\$ 65,000

RAS Piping Revisions Project
Bidbook 18-18; CD Year 44-7.1(b)
UPPER ALLEGHENY JOINT SANITARY AUTHORITY

Bid Recipients	Total Base Bid
1. Ron Gillette, Inc.	
2. J.P. Environmental	
3. Konzel Construction Company, Inc.	
4. J. R. Contracting, LLC	
5. RJMC, Inc.	

3.) Status of 2018 Gaming & Economic Development Fund (GEDF) \$250K

Grant to the AVNCOG for Paving & Associated Equipment. The COG Board approved a slate of five (5) specific pieces of paving and related equipment for purchase through the awarded GEDF grant of \$250,000 which were made as “piggy-back” acquisitions through several state purchasing programs, including COSTARS. As this deviates from the GEDF program’s procurement guidelines, approval as sought and granted by ACED.

Stephenson Equipment, Inc., has acted as our equipment purchasing agent. The purchase orders were presented to the Board at June’s meeting, but as the executed grant contract was not returned to the COG until mid-July, they were not placed until July 31st. Also a formal request for a waiver from the GEDF procurement protocol requiring the re-imburement of payments to be made initially by the grantee to the contractor, was also submitted shortly after the contract was received.

Several weeks after the trailer order was placed, however, it was discovered that the planned vendor had withdrawn from the manufacture of custom constructed heavy equipment trailers. An alternative manufacturer was engaged, but the trailer will not be available for delivery until after the new year; therefore that paver and roller will not be transported to the Allegheny Valley until that time. The other pieces of equipment have been received by Stephenson Equipment, and it is anticipated that delivery will be arranged to the local storage facilities for the skidster (bobcat) and it’s attachments this fall, and training opportunities will be scheduled. Training on the paver and roller will follow in the spring.

6.) CDBG Year 45/FY 2019 Application Cycle.

As was noted at the early summer meetings, the application dates for CDBG Year 45/FY 2019 were expected to mirror those established since the program year was shifted from March-thru-February to July-thru-June, and this, in fact, did occur. Thus, as you may be aware, pre-applications were submitted on September 14, 2018, and full Applications will be due by November 16, 2018.

The COG’s communities did well in garnering CDBG funding for CD Yr. 44, with nearly 80% of applications funded, as Mr. Taliani noted. That is due, in part, however, to the drop-off in CDBG applications submitted for consideration. It is a phenomenon that many of the COGs have witnessed.

**Water Valve Replacements Project
 Bidbook 11-18 CD Year 44-7.1(e)
 TARENTUM BOROUGH**

Bid Recipients	Total Base Bid
1. Ron Gillette, Inc.	NO BID
2. Jet Jack, Inc.	NO BID
3. Meyer Excavating	\$ 68,985.00
4. Naccarati Contracting, Inc.	\$ 72,000.00

As the **Second Bid Cycle** has an opening date after the **September Board meeting, on Monday, October 1st**, the Board will be asked at tonight's meeting, to pass a resolution to tentatively award to the lowest responsible bidder for each of the six projects scheduled to be opened on that date, as determined by the participating members' governing body, at the recommendation of their consulting engineers, and in consultation with their solicitors. A listing of the bid document recipients to date is shared with the Board below, for each project currently out to bid. At the October meeting, the actual bid results will be reported to the Board, noting the action taken by the participating members, for the Board's final confirmation of award. These tentative awards will enable the COG to issue award letters & packets without delay; but will not be done, however, until each participating member in a bid cycle has provided written notification of their individual action to award to the COG.

**Water Valve Replacements Project
 Bidbook 13-18; CD Year 44-3.12.1
 ASPINWALL BOROUGH**

Bid Recipients	Total Base Bid
1. Chivers Construction Company	
2. J.P. Environmental, LLC	
3. Konzel Construction	
4. RJMC, Inc.	

**Highland Avenue Reconstruction Project
 Bidbook 18-18; CD Year 44-7.1(b)
 CHESWICK BOROUGH**

Bid Recipients	Total Base Bid
1. A. Folino Construction	
2. Ron Gillette, Inc.	
3. El Grande Industries	
4. Holbein, Inc.	

Sanitary Sewer Repair & MH Rehab. Project, Ph. I
Bidbook 7-18; CD Year 44-3.12.4
HARMAR TOWNSHIP

Bid Recipients	Total Base Bid
1. Abel Recon	NO BID
2. Granite Liner, LLC	NO BID
3. Insight Pipe Contracting, LLC	\$ 55,824.00
4. Insituform Technologies, LLC	\$ 44,671.00
5. IPR	\$ 54,990.00
6. Jet Jack, Inc.	\$ 45,430.00
7. Lake County Sewer	NO BID
8. State Pipe Services, Inc.	NO BID
9. Urban Group DMV Corp.	NO BID

Soccer Field Bldg. Renovations/Roof Replacement Project
Bidbook 12-18; CD Year 44-7.1(c)
HARMAR TOWNSHIP

Bid Recipients	Total Base Bid
1. Arkadia Contracting, Inc.	\$ 37,600.00
2. Pampena Landscaping & Construction	\$ 28,680.00

Carson St. Waterline Project, Ph. II
Bidbook 10-18; CD Year 44-3.12.3
SPRINGDALE TOWNSHIP

Bid Recipients	Total Base Bid
1. Jet Jack, Inc.	\$ 141,300.00
2. LB Water Service	NO BID
3. Meyer Excavating	\$ 225,700.00
4. Naccarati Contracting	\$ 156,900.00
5. Niando Construction, Inc.	\$ 137,350.00
6. Pampena Landscape & Construction	\$ 137,930.00
7. Sciaretti Site Development & Paving	\$ 170,400.00
8. Stallion Construction	NO BID