

Cumberland County Community Development Program
2013 CDBG General Program Application
Community Cover Page

Project Title "Bus" for Freeport Elders Association (FEA)

Lead Community Town of Freeport

Additional Communities Town of Pownal

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Program Category

Public Infrastructure/Facility Downtown Revitalization

Public Service Housing Economic Development

CDBG "National Objective"

Low/Moderate Income: Area-Wide Limited Clientele

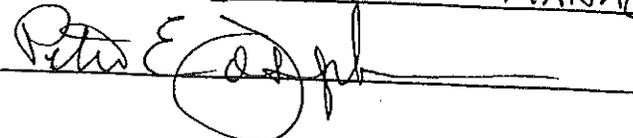
Direct Benefit: Presumed Group Elders of Freeport & Pownal and surrounding areas (Identify Group)

Slum/Blight: Area-Wide Spot Basis

Amount of CDBG Funds Requested \$15,000

Total Estimated Project Cost \$64,900

Name of Authorized Official PETER E. JOSEPH, TOWN MANAGER

Signature of Authorized Official 

1. Brief Summary

The project for which "FEA" is requesting funds is to purchase a new specialty vehicle capable of transporting 15 passengers and equipped with handicap and wheel chair accessories. The elders of Freeport, Pownal, Durham and surrounding areas would be served by this transport vehicle. Most of these seniors have health issues, are of low income, and no means of transportation. There is no public transportation in these areas. The community and surrounding areas would benefit by all these seniors from what they have to offer. Over the past three years "FEA" has raised over \$49,000 through various projects and needs another \$15,000 to make this project a reality.

2. a. Over the last ten years, FEA has become an integral part of life to its members, enhancing the quality of life and providing services that have become a center of many of the member's lives. FEA has no vehicle at this time. Their 21 year old minibus would not pass inspection this past year. A new vehicle would allow FEA members to continue improving their quality of life. FEA is filling a void in public services not attended to directly through state or county programs or public transportation.

2. b. There are 350 members of the Freeport Elders Association, many affected by the lack of transportation not only to outside events but also to FEA's events at the Community Center. 40 additional units of elder housing have been constructed in Freeport which has further increased the need for transportation to all events. Most members of the FEA fall in the low/middle income category.

2. c. This transportation enables regular trips by FEA members to shopping, parks, theaters, museums, cemeteries, the "YMCA", and other points of interest. This helps all these businesses economically and provides socialization for members of the FEA. Several members commented at recent events that it was nice to not be looking at the same four walls at home.

3. a. The Board of Directors with Town of Freeport supervision will manage the project. Since it is a one-time purchase, the "Bus Committee" of the FEA will make recommendations to the Board of Directors.

3. b. The Board of Directors and "Bus Committee" managed the retired bus for fourteen years.

3. c. The FEA budget (see attachment A: FEA Budget) provides for six different categories of bus expenses. Donations are also accepted for special event trips.

4. The FEA has been raising funds particularly for this "bus" project for several years now. They do pancake breakfasts, a bottle return fund, donations, 50/50 raffles, quilt raffles, gift cards, special dinners, gift wrapping, etc. The Freeport Rotary Club, South Freeport Church, and the Freeport Clammers' Association have also done a special event and other groups (banks, churches, etc.) have done donations toward the bus.

Through all these activities, \$49,000 has been raised over several years; a \$15,000 grant would complete the funding needed.

5. (see attachment B: Implementation Schedule)

6. (see attachment C: Budget)

7. a. The FEA has been raising funds specifically for this replacement bus for several years. In order to continue to transport elders safely in the greater Freeport area, a new bus is needed now. Continued handicapped accessibility is also necessary.

7. b. Three quarters of the needed funds have been raised by FEA and supporting groups over the last several years (see question 4).

7. c. Without the CDBG grant, it will take at least another several years to raise the remaining funds for the bus. This means little or no transportation for elders in the greater Freeport area and beyond during that time period.

8. Distress Score 3 – 4

9. c, i. Elders from several Communities are members of FEA and are, therefore, eligible for all activities of the organization including outings, cultural events, trips, special events, etc. FEA members from surrounding communities now participate in these activities.

9. c, ii. In addition to participation in activities, the FEA Board of Directors includes representatives from both Towns. The Board of Directors will be overseeing both purchase of the bus and its use.

FREEPORT ELDERS ASSOCIATION
2012/2013 BUDGET

INCOME	BUDGET
Appeal	3,000.00
Elder Bus Savings	3,400.00
Membership	400.00
Pennies	30.00
Fitness	4,200.00
Crafts	2,200.00
Pancake Breakfast	3,000.00
Craft Fair	500.00
Harvest Dinner	450.00
St. Patrick's Dinner	400.00
Town of Freeport	5,000.00
Organizations	200.00
Newsletter Advertisement	200.00
Bank Interest	60.00
	23,040.00

EXPENSES	BUDGET
Rent	7,500.00
Liability Insurance	640.00
Elder Bus Savings	5,000.00
Fitness	4,200.00
Recognition	200.00
Annual Meeting	300.00
Postal Fees	310.00
Computer	500.00
Corporate Legal Fees	350.00
Pancake Supplies	700.00
Memorials	50.00
Crafts	50.00
Donations	100.00
Miscellaneous	295.00
	20,195.00

We removed expenses for the Elder Bus since we don't have a bus at this time. However, if we receive a grant to make the purchase a reality, we would add Gas Income and Expense, Repairs, Inspection, Registration and Insurance which would make our expense more in line with our income.

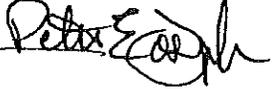
Public Service Programs				
Cost Category	CDBG Funds	Municipal Funds	Other Funds	Total
Equipment	\$15,000		\$49,900	\$64,900
Materials/Supplies				
Operations				
Salaries				
Fringe				
Transportation				
Consultants				
Space/Rent				
Project Management				
Other – 1)				
Other – 2)				
Total Costs	\$15,000		\$49,000	\$64,900
Provide the basis for determination of budget amounts: Research to date				

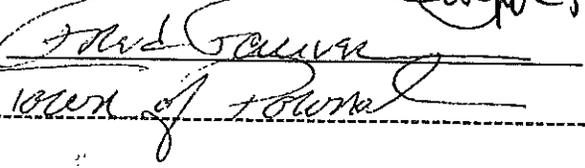
Appendix V: Multi-Community Application Endorsement

CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

CDBG GENERAL PROGRAM APPLICATION – 2013

Lead Community Applicant: Town of Freeport

Lead Community Authorized Official Peter Joseph  TOWN MANAGER
FREEPORT

Signature of Authorized Official 

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