

## Timeline for CDBG application for North Central Crawford County

February 21, 2023 – A public hearing will be conducted at the Crawford County Courthouse at 5:30pm. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission requires this. We will use all the meetings that were held at Mountainburg as supporting documentation.

March 2023 – WAPDD will finalize the application.

April 14, 2023 – Application is due to AEDC.

July 2023 – Anticipated notification regarding grant awards.

These funds are being applied for by Crawford County. The main purpose of these funds is so that we can offer free water hook-ups to low-to-moderate income households. While the hook-up may be free, the customer is still responsible for the monthly water bills.

Generally, hookup costs eligible for CDBG funding include service lines, inspection fees, disposal and/or installation of septic systems, limited indoor plumbing improvements, and any other costs involving income-eligible beneficiaries resulting from requirements imposed by the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH).

There will be an application process for the LMI Hook-Ups. Beginning this process now may better our chances of receiving CDBG funds. This is different from signing up for a meter.

**Form 75**  
**Application For Free Utility Connection**

**I. Applicant** \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Age. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Household Composition:**

List each additional occupant (other than paying boarders) who resides at the above location.

Occupant(s)	Name	Relationship	Age
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			

**III. Family Income:**

List all sources of income based on the previous year's income. If family members other than the homeowner receive Social Security, indicate their Social Security Number(s).

Occupant name	Social Security number	Income source	Monthly amount (gross)	Annual amount (gross)

**IV. Home Ownership:**

Do you own your home? Yes  No  If no, whom do you rent from?

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name, address and telephone number)

How much rent do you pay each month? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Has your rent changed during the past 12 months? Yes  No

*Note: Rental units will not be approved for connection unless the property owner signs a Rent Control Agreement and a Temporary Construction Easement and Hookup Agreement.*

The undersigned hereby certifies as true and accurate the information in this application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Applicant signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

**Form 74**  
**Notice to Area Residents of Free Utility Connections**

Representatives of Crawford County are requesting applications from area residents for free water connections to the Mountainburg Water System. Funding of connections for all income-eligible residents will be provided by an Arkansas Community and Economic Development Program grant, if awarded.

To qualify for a free connection to the system, your **gross annual income**, not including disability benefits, during the **previous calendar year** must be less than or equal to the amounts listed below:

Number of household occupants	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Gross annual income	\$34,000	\$38,850	\$43,700	\$48,550	\$52,450	\$56,350	\$60,250	\$64,100

For example, if a house is occupied by two persons, the **combined** income of the two people cannot exceed **\$38,850** in order to be eligible for the free connection. All income sources such as Social Security, retirement, wage earnings, pensions, interest, and public assistance must be included as gross annual income. **If your income exceeds the income figure applicable to your household, you should not apply for assistance.**

In order to process your application, please have the following information ready:

1. Social Security Number(s) and sources of income for all household occupants
2. Property tax receipt indicating property ownership (if you own property)
3. If self-employed, copies of most recently prepared 1040 form to verify income

If you have questions concerning eligibility for the program, please call Tracee McKenna with Western Arkansas Planning and Development District at 479-785-2651.