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**Federal grant application workshop scheduled**

A workshop to help local organizations apply for 2009 [Community Development Block Grant \(CDBG\)](#) and [Emergency Shelter Grant \(ESG\)](#) funds is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., Fri., May 2 in Room 101 of [Village Hall](#), 123 Madison St.

CDBG funds support a wide variety of community and economic development activities directed toward neighborhood revitalization, economic development and improved community facilities and services. Applicants must meet one of the program's three national objectives – benefit low- and moderate-income persons, help prevent or eliminate blight, or meet urgent local needs.

ESG funding is available only for providers of services related to homelessness or homelessness assistance. Funds may be used to rehabilitate or convert buildings into homeless shelters, as well as provide operating expenses, essential services and homeless prevention activities.

Last year, the Village administered \$1,868,013 in CDBG and \$85,537 in ESG grants, awarding funds to 32 eligible activities proposed by Oak Park community organizations.

Applications for the programs will be available at the workshop and at Village Hall. For more information, call 708.358.5419 or e-mail [planning@oak-park.us](mailto:planning@oak-park.us).

Information also is posted on the Community Development pages of the Village website, [www.oak-park.us](http://www.oak-park.us).

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