



WAREHAM

Massachusetts

2019 Wareham Community Development Block Grant Application

Public Hearing

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Purpose of Public Hearing

- Report on the progress of current CDBG grants
- Discuss possible budget and programmatic amendments to the 2017 and/or 2018 grants
- Solicit input from the citizens of Wareham regarding potential and current programs and projects
- Present activities currently under consideration
- Discuss local community development and housing needs

CDBG Program Overview

- CDBG Program is a program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) with funding dispersed by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).
- Wareham is one of 10 mid-sized communities that DHCD has designated as **Mini-Entitlements (ME)**. Mini-Entitlement designation results from DHCD recognizing these communities as having high indicators of distress and need.
- The amount of funding available varies by year. For the upcoming FY 2019 funding round, Wareham may apply for \$825,000 – the same amount as in the prior cycle.

CDBG Program Goals

- Develop viable communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment.
- Expand economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.

Funding History of Recent CDBG Grants

FY 2018

Mini-Entitlement Plan Grant

Project	CDBG Grant	Other*	Total
Housing Rehabilitation	\$200,000	\$45,000	\$245,000
WHA – Redwood Park Roof Rehabilitation	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000
Public Social Services	\$165,000	\$0	\$165,000
Boys & Girls Club of Wareham	\$50,000		
The Family Pantry – Damien’s Place	\$30,000		
GATRA Transportation Assistance	\$30,000		
Wareham Area Comm. - Homeless/Turning Point	\$25,000		
Wareham Council on Aging	\$20,000		
Design – Tremont Nail Factory Complex	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000
Program Delivery and Administration	\$210,000	\$35,000	\$245,000
TOTAL	\$825,000	\$130,000	\$955,000

* Other – CDBG Program Income

FY 2017

Mini-Entitlement Plan Grant

Project	CDBG Grant	Other*	Total
Housing Rehabilitation	\$250,000	\$50,000	\$300,000
Public Social Services	\$132,500	\$0	\$132,500
Boys & Girls Club of Wareham	\$32,000		
GATRA Transportation Assistance	\$30,000		
Wareham Area Comm. - Homeless/Turning Point	\$35,000		
Wareham Council on Aging	\$15,000		
Reading Partners – Wareham Free Library	\$20,500		
Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan	\$110,000	\$0	\$110,000
Program Delivery and Administration	\$182,500	\$0	\$182,500
TOTAL	\$675,000	\$50,000	\$725,000

* Other – CDBG Program Income

FY 2016

Mini-Entitlement Plan Grant

Project	CDBG Grant	Other *	Total
Housing Rehabilitation	\$180,000	\$0	\$180,000
Public Social Services	\$125,000	\$40,000	\$165,000
Boys & Girls Club of Wareham	\$40,000 (Incl. \$15,000 Program Income)		
GATRA Transportation Assistance	\$25,000		
Wareham Area Comm. - Homeless/Turning Point	\$25,000		
The Family Pantry / Damien's Place	\$50,000 (Incl. \$25,000 Program Income)		
Reading Partners – Wareham Free Library	\$25,000		
Wareham Village Streetscape – Phase 5 Design	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000
Onset Slums and Blight Inventory	\$222,500	\$0	\$222,500
Program Delivery and Administration	\$247,500	\$0	\$247,500
TOTAL	\$825,000	\$40,000	\$865,000

* Other – CDBG Program Income

Potential FY 2019 Activities

Activities Being Considered for FY 2019 ME Plan Grant Application:

- 1) Wareham Housing Authority – Redwood Park Roofs. CDBG funds are proposed to be used for the replacement of the remaining 5 roofs (of 8) at the residential buildings at Redwood Park, located at 34 Church Avenue. Each building contains eight apartments for low-income elderly and/or disabled residents.
- 2) Funding for Public Social Services. The Town proposes to continue to commit the maximum amount of its CDBG grant - \$165,000 or 20% - to non-profit organizations or municipal departments that provide programs and direct services to needy and lower-income residents. The Town issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) in December. Submissions are due January 16.
- 3) ADA Accessibility Project. In conjunction with the imminent completion of the ADA Transition Plan, the Town will review potential projects of a modest scope that could bring a facility into ADA compliance.
- 4) Continuation of the Wareham Housing Rehabilitation Program. The Town proposes to continue to provide technical and financial assistance for lower-income residents to make needed repairs to their homes.

Application Deadline: March 1, 2019

Sustainable Development Principles

- The Baker Administration and DHCD have a policy that requires activities be consistent with sustainable development principals, also known as “Smart Growth.”
- Each of the projects previously described meet one or more of these principles.

Community Development Priorities and Needs

- For the FY 2018 grant application, Wareham updated its Community Development Strategy (CDS). It assesses local progress and prioritizes potential activities. Wareham's CDS focuses on the following priority needs:
 - 1) Maintaining and improving Wareham's aging and deteriorating housing stock
 - 2) Renewing its aging public infrastructure
 - 3) Revitalizing the Wareham Village and Onset business districts
 - 4) Supporting an improvement in the quality of life for its residents, particularly those in need and who are lower income
 - 5) Supporting economic development for the mutual benefit of residents and local municipal government

2019 Application Timeline

- Public Hearing / Input 1/07/19
- Selectman Review and Approval 2/12/19*
- Application Submission 3/01/19
- Application Approval 7/15/19*

* Tentative, actual TBD

What Can Be Funded?

The Fundamental Considerations

- Is it an eligible activity? (see next page)
- Does it meet one of the 3 “National Objectives”?
 - Benefit to Low- and Moderate-Income Persons
 - Prevent or Eliminate Blight
 - Address a Critical Community Needs (highly limited)
- Is it feasible and ready to go? (specific requirements apply to certain types of projects)

Eligible Activities Overview

- Public services, within certain limits (20% cap)
- Rehabilitation of residential and non-residential structures
- Construction of public facilities and improvements, such as water and sewer facilities, streets, neighborhood centers, and the conversion of school buildings for eligible purposes
- Activities relating to energy conservation and renewable energy resources
- Acquisition of real property
- Relocation and demolition
- Provision of assistance to profit-motivated businesses to carry out economic development and job creation/retention activities

FY 2019 ME Plan Application

Public Input