

# WAREHAM Massachusetts

### 2019 Wareham Community Development Block Grant Application

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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.





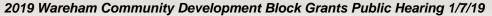
# Funding History of Recent CDBG Grants

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### 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

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### 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 Desig	gn \$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:

- 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) <u>Funding for Public Social Services.</u> 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) <u>ADA Accessibility Project.</u> 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) <u>Continuation of the Wareham Housing Rehabilitation Program.</u> 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** 



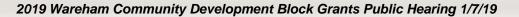
### Sustainable Development Principles

- 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
- Selectman Review and Approval 2/12/19\*
- Application Submission
- Application Approval

1/07/19 2/12/19\* 3/01/19 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 PersonsPrevent or Eliminate BlightAddress 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**

