COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC HEARING  
CITY OF REVEREJuly 14, 2021, 5:30 PM  
Online via Zoom

MEETING MINUTES

The City’s CDBG Program Manager, Danielle Osterman, opened the public hearing, the goals of which were to advise residents about the progress of its current federal entitlement programs and to seek citizen input from residents prior to submission of the Program Year 2021 Action Plan. All CDBG hearings are advertised in advance in the Revere Journal and through the City Clerk and City website and are typically held in locations that are handicap accessible and located in low- or moderate-income communities in Revere. However, this hearing was scheduled under the US Department of Housing & Urban Development’s COVID-19 waiver for public meetings.

FY2021 Annual Action Plan (AAP): The City of Revere has been notified that HUD’s Community Development Block Grant Entitlement (CDBG) allocation to Revere is **$840,589,** with the program year running from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. A statutory requirement of the Community Development Block Grant is that at least 70% of the funded projects benefits are to low- and moderate-income residents.

For the Fiscal Year 2021 Action Plan, the City’s priorities for funding continue to reflect priorities outlined in its 5-year consolidated plan, which include the following projects selected for their benefit to low to moderate income Revere residents:

* economic development: with an estimated $150,000 for commercial rehab along the Broadway and Shirley Ave business corridors
* residential housing rehabilitation continues to be identified in the City’s Consolidated Plan as a key element to both increasing affordability and maintaining affordable housing units in the City of Revere. The annual plan has budgeted $250,000 for this.
* physical development which may include reconstruction of streets and sidewalks, water line improvements, improvements to eligible parks and ADA improvements
  + Projects include Ambrose Park, walkways in front of the American Legion, League of Special Needs at Winthrop Ave, and Beach Street at Winthrop Ave. $480,000 has been budgeted for this.
* Customarily public services are included in the City’s annual action plan for entitlement funds, however, resources will be available through the City’s CDBG CARES allocation
* Planning and overall administration is restricted to 20% of the grant and other public projects that benefit low- and moderate-income households in Revere.

The City is also eligible for HOME Program funds. This year, the HOME Program is expected to remain level funded for an eight-community consortium. The entitlement is expected to be released soonfor projects across the consortium. The City of Malden is the lead agency in the North Suburban Consortium which consists of Malden, Everett, Chelsea, Medford, Melrose, Revere, Winthrop and Arlington.

The floor was opened for questions.

With no questions, the public hearing was adjourned.