COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF REVERE

January 5, 2022, 5:30PM

Online via Zoom

**Hearing Minutes**

The City’s CDBG Program Manager, Danielle Osterman, opened the public hearing, the goals of which were to seek citizen input from residents prior to submitting the substantial amendment to 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 and the State of Massachusetts’ COVID-19 waiver for public meetings.

FY2021 Annual Action Plan Amendment: The amendment will enable the City to reallocate previously awardedCommunity Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), resulting in the addition of projects to the approved 2021 plan. Revere’s annual entitlement for the program year was $840,589 and is seeking to reallocate an additional $913,845, with the program year running from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 222. 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 substantial amendment, the City’s priorities for funding are:**

* Public facilities; including street paving, sidewalk reconstruction and tree planting initiatives in CDBG eligible Census block groups
* These previously approved 2021 Annual Action Plan projects will continue as originally planned. These include:
  + Ambrose Park ADA upgrades
  + Making sidewalks at the intersection of Beach St/Winthrop Ave ADA compliant
  + ADA upgrades to the Food Hub at 200 Winthrop Ave
  + Storefront & Signage for businesses located in the Shirley Ave Business District and Broadway Central Business District
* Planning and overall administration is restricted to 20% of the grant.
* There will not be more funding allocated to public services for this program year. The City of Revere previously awarded $660,000 in CDBG funding towards public services during this program year. Interested agencies should await further announcements for the 2022 Action Plan, which the City shall begin preparing no earlier than February 2022.

The floor was opened for questions.

With no further questions, the public hearing was adjourned.