COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF REVERE

January 18, 2023, 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 2022 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.

FY2022 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 $688,478 and is seeking to reallocate an additional $836,681, with the program year running from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. 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:**

* Street paving on Sumner St, Gladys St, Vera St, and the Bay Road neighborhood; complete streets improvements, launching a small business lending program, and funding for nonprofit partners Women Encouraging Empowerment and For Kids Only, who were originally approved in PY22 but were later denied due to a reduction in the entitlement amount from the federal government
* These previously approved 2022 Annual Action Plan projects will continue as originally planned. These include:
  + Leach Park upgrades
  + Creating a pocket park at 69 Shirley Ave
  + Tree planting initiatives
  + Direct services for residents including rental assistance from CAPIC and domestic violence services through HarborCOV
  + 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.

The floor was opened for questions.

With no further questions, the public hearing was adjourned.