

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Waterbury (City) is pleased to announce the availability of 2023-2024 CD YR 49 Community Development Block Grant funds. The City has not yet received notice of its allocations for the upcoming program year; and, per HUD's guidance, intends to use the current year allocations as the baseline for planning purposes. These amounts may increase or decrease depending upon the final federal approved budget. The 2022-2023 CD YR 48 allocations were as follows: \$2,124,813 (CDBG), \$187,899 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and \$1,037,500 HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). Program income is anticipated to be \$2,500 for HOME and \$14,000 for CDBG.

In accordance with the City of Waterbury's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), there will be a Public Hearing to solicit citizen input on the needs of the community before the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) on Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., Veterans Memorial Hall, Waterbury City Hall, 235 Grand Street, Waterbury, CT 06702.

Persons with a disability or non-English speaking who wish to participate should contact Nancy Allen at 203-346-3810 ext. 7274 or by email at nallen@waterburyct.org no later than February 6, 2023 to discuss how the City can accommodate their needs.

Those interested in applying for funds should request an application beginning on Friday, January 20, 2023 via the City's website on the Office of Community Development webpage, <https://www.waterburyct.org/services/community-development>, and submit their applications to the Community Development Office, Room C-29, City Hall, 235 Grand Street, Waterbury no later than 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 3, 2023. Upon receipt, the CAC will review the applications for consistency with CDBG eligibility guidelines (24 CFR 570.201) and the themes identified in the City's Consolidated Plan (2020-2024). As part of the review process, additional public meetings and a second public hearing will be held to receive public input.

National Objectives of the CDBG program are: (1) to benefit low- and moderate-income persons; (2) to eliminate slums and blight; and (3) to address urgent (emergency) needs. The City of Waterbury estimates that not less than 70% of its aggregate 2023-2024 CDBG funds will be used to meet the national objective of benefitting low- and moderate-income persons; in 2021-2022, 92% of its funds met this objective. The objective of the ESG program is to provide services to the homeless. The objective of the HOME program is to construct and/or rehabilitate housing for low- and moderate-income persons, and can also be used for Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA).

It is the stated policy of the City to avoid activities that result in displacement. In the unlikely event any activity funded by the CDBG program results in displacement, the City has adopted a Relocation Policy and is responsible for providing relocation assistance if CDBG funds were used for that purpose.

The Community Development Office will offer virtual technical assistance workshops to agencies/individuals wishing to apply for CDBG/ESG funding on Tuesday, January 31, 2023

from 10:00 -11:00 a.m., and Thursday, February 2, 2023 from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. To participate, you must register using the following links:

January 31st Workshop: <https://bit.ly/3vOGMTj>

February 2nd Workshop: <https://bit.ly/3vKOoX7>

Funding applications for the HOME program are taken on an ongoing basis. Information and technical assistance can be obtained by contacting HOME Program Manager Tina Lubus at 346-3810 Ext. 7282 or by email at tlubus@waterburyct.org.

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