

Town of Winchendon

Department of Planning and Development

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Winchendon Select Board
Public Hearing
June 1, 2020 6:35pm

Re: Community Development Block COVID19 Grant – CDBG-CV
State Budget: 9.65 MIL

Joint application between – Athol (lead), Phillipston, Templeton and Winchendon
Max allowed: \$400,000.00 per community, total funding request TBD
Application Due Date: June 5, 2020 – rolling acceptance after that dependent on funds remaining
Proposed Award Date: July 2020
Eligible Programs include – Microenterprise Assistance & Public Social Services.

Microenterprise -

Microenterprise is defined as a business with 5 employees or less, one of which is the owner. The owner (S) must income qualify at <80% LMI. Income and number of employees to be calculated at the time of application, post COVID19 impact on the business. Each business is eligible for up to \$10,000 in assistance. The proposal includes outside administration of the program with an agency currently performing Small Business assistance.

Will provide up to date information at the hearing of # businesses interviewed.

Public Social Services-

Focus is on supplementing the programs offered by the CAC, most specifically food insecurity and homelessness. The CAC has seen an increased demand for services due to COVID-19. The number of people seeking assistance doubled from February to March. Included is a substantial increase in homelessness services. We are assessing the needs to determine the amount of monetary support the CAC will require to meet ongoing and projected needs into the summer/fall of 2020.

Will provide up to date information at the hearing on this effort.

A public Meeting to gather input and get the word out of this and other DHCD programs was held on May 27 (via ZOOM). The final Public Hearing will be held on June 2, 2020 before the Athol Board of Selectmen at 7:15 via Zoom: Meeting ID: 896 5588 2521 Password: 362221 Dial 1-929-205-6099

The Department of Planning & Development asks the Select Board to consider supporting the application. Should the Board vote to do so, I ask that the Board authorize the Town Manager to sign any required documents related to its submission.

Respectfully,
Tracy Murphy
Director of Planning & Development