

**LEGAL NOTICE
FY 2021 CDBG APPLICATION
PUBLIC HEARING**

Towns of Erving (Lead), Northfield and Warwick

The Town of Erving will hold a public hearing on August 23, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. via GOTOWEBINAR to solicit public input/response to the Town's submission of an FY 2021 Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to the Department of Housing and Community Development on behalf of the towns of Erving, Northfield and Warwick.

Participation information for this August 23rd Public Hearing may be found at <https://www.erving-ma.gov/administration-select-board>

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the contents of this application. The Town will be applying for the following activities: a Housing Rehabilitation Program town-wide in all three towns. The Town of Erving will contract with Franklin County Regional Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA) to administer the CDBG Program.

The Town encourages residents to attend the meeting where any person or organization wishing to be heard will be afforded the opportunity. HRA will be available to discuss the application. Any resident unable to participate in the public hearing is welcome to submit written comments to the attention of the Town Administrator, Erving Town Hall, Erving, MA.

The Town of Erving is an equal opportunity provider.

Select Board
Town of Erving

August 9, August 20, 2021
The Recorder

AGENDA

FY 2021 ERVING (LEAD), NORTHFIELD AND WARWICK CDBG GRANT APPLICATION Community Development Block Grant Program

PUBLIC HEARING
Monday, August 23, 2021; 7:00 p.m.
GO TO WEBINAR

OPEN MEETING

READ LEGAL NOTICE:

The purpose of this meeting will be to solicit public response to the proposed town submission of an FY21 Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant application on behalf of the towns of Erving, Northfield and Warwick. The Town will be applying for a town-wide Housing Rehabilitation Program in each of the three towns. The Town of Erving (lead) will contract with Franklin County Regional Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA) to administer the CDBG Program.

DISCUSSION of FY 2021 CDBG APPLICATION PROCESS

- **FUNDING SOURCE:**
 - Federal funds: HUD
 - National Objectives: Benefit Low to Moderate Income residents and the Elimination of Slum and Blight
 - CDBG program is administered by Department of Housing and Community Development
- **PROPOSED ACTIVITIES**
 - **Housing Rehabilitation (\$560,000)**
 - Town wide - Housing Rehabilitation, 14 units
 - Current Waitlist: (Erving 6; Northfield 5; Warwick 3)
 - Housing rehabilitation funds loaned to owner-occupants will be in the form of a 0% interest Deferred Payment Loan (DPL) whereby 100% of the DPL will be forgiven over the course of 15 years at a rate of 1/15th per year or repaid upon the sale or transfer of the property within 15 years at a prorated amount.
 - Housing rehabilitation funds will also be available to investor-owners and will be in the form of a 0% interest DPL that will be paid in full upon sale or transfer of the property within 15 years or fully forgiven after 15 years. A 15-year Affordable Housing Rental Restriction will be placed on Investor-owned properties to ensure long term affordability.
 - The program will provide homeowners and owners of rental property an affordable funding mechanism to correct code violations within their homes, bringing the units into compliance with building and/or sanitary codes.
- **Grant Management and Project(s) Oversight (FCRHRA) (\$199,471)**

TOTAL APPLICATION: \$759,472

TO NOTE: In addition to grant funds, a combined total of approximately \$67,681.41 in Program Income funds will be added to the Housing Rehabilitation activity budget, which will allow more housing units to be rehabilitated. Program Income funds will only be used on projects located in the town where the funds were generated.

- **APPLICATION SCHEDULE:**
 - CDBG Application due September 10, 2021
 - Anticipated Award date: January 2022
- **RESIDENT'S: COMMENTS and CONCERNS**

What we need tonight:

- A board vote to authorize HRA to submit a CDBG Application in the amount of \$759,472 on behalf of the towns of Erving (lead), Northfield and Warwick
 - A board vote to identify an Environmental Certifying Officer (usually Town Administrator)
 - A board vote to authorize signatures on grant application documents (some of which cannot be generated by DHCD's system until all documents have been uploaded into their system)
- **CLOSE MEETING**