



# Town of Barnstable

## Planning & Development Department

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



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### TOWN OF BARNSTABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM NOTICE OF FUND AVAILABILITY (NOFA)

**HYANNIS, MA** – The Town of Barnstable Planning and Development Department (PDD) is accepting proposals for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. CDBG is a federally funded program from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide affordable housing, economic opportunities and a suitable living environment to low and moderate income residents.

#### **The Town is anticipating funds through CARES Act in the amount of \$168,324**

Funds may be used for activities responding to needs arising as a result of the Coronavirus, also referred to as COVID-19. Projects must be consistent with 5 year consolidated plan goals and subject to the Stafford Act that prohibits use for activities paid for by another source or duplication of benefits.

#### **The Town is anticipating funds for the 2020 CDBG program year (7/1/2020 – 6/30/2021) in the amount of \$286,135**

Projects must address at least one of the 5 Year Consolidated Plan goals and either:

- Create or preserve affordable housing units for rent or homeownership
- Create or retain jobs or economic opportunities for low and moderate income persons
- Be public improvements to facilities, or infrastructure and other public improvements
- Provide services to low and moderate income persons and special needs populations

The CARES Act waived the 15% cap for public service activities that address COVID-19 for program years 2019, 2020 and CARES Act funds.

#### **Preferences may be given to the following:**

- Activities to prevent, prepare for or respond to coronavirus (COVID 19)
- Public service activities related to COVID 19 including but not limited to child care services for essential personnel; food security for elderly, homeless and other vulnerable populations; shelter and other services for homeless populations displaced due to social distancing requirements; and other eligible services for vulnerable populations
- Micro-enterprise or small business assistance to retain or create jobs or economic opportunities for low and moderate income persons affected by COVID 19
- Continuation of youth services program
- Services to support public safety in the downtown Hyannis Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area ( NRSA)

**Submission Instructions:** Pre-Application and Guidebook are available on the Town website [www.townofbarnstable.us/CDBG](http://www.townofbarnstable.us/CDBG). Please complete the pre-application by **4 pm on May 27, 2020** online: <https://www.cognitofrms.com/TownOfBarnstable1/2020CDBGPreApplication>

**Contact Information:** Town offices are currently closed to the public to prevent spreading of COVID 19. Staff is working remotely and available by email [kathleen.girouard@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:kathleen.girouard@town.barnstable.ma.us) above or you can leave a message at 508-862-4678 and someone will return your call.