

**TOWN OF YARMOUTH
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES AND PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE
ANNUAL ONE YEAR ACTION PLAN FOR THE PROGRAM YEAR 2023 (PY2023)**

The Town of Yarmouth held a public hearing on January 30, 2023 at 4 P.M. regarding the Yarmouth Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). The Public Hearing was held in the Main Hearing Room at Town Hall, 1146 Route 28, South Yarmouth MA. This room is handicap accessible. No special accommodations were requested. The public was welcome to attend this public meeting either in-person or virtually via the Zoom platform.

ATTENDEES: Drew Kraus

YARMOUTH TOWN CLERK

ATTENDEES STAFF: Mary Waygan, CDBG Program Administrator

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Mary Waygan opened the Public Hearing at 4:04 PM

Ms. Waygan explained that the purpose of the hearing was to obtain the comments and the views of citizens, public agencies, community organizations, and other interested parties in Yarmouth regarding the PY2022 Annual One-Year Action Plan. Comments received during this Public Hearing will be considered when drafting the Plan.

Ms. Waygan announced that US HUD is expected to allocate to the Town of Yarmouth a CDBG entitlement grant of \$125,000 for Program Year 2022, which runs from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

CDBG funded activities must meet at least one of the following national objectives set by US HUD: benefit low/moderate income persons within the community; prevent or eliminate the occurrence of slums and blight; or address an urgent need in the community which poses a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare. The Town requires that CDBG funded activities must be used to: create suitable living environment; provide decent affordable housing; or create economic opportunities.

Activity and Performance Summary was presented. A draft budget was presented:

Projected Funds in PY23	Amount
PY2022 Expected Carry Over	89,031.30
Prior Years Expected Carry Over	56,150.00
PY2023 Grant	<u>125,000.00</u>
Total Projected Funds in PY24	270,181.30

Projected PY23 Budget	Amount
HUD ADMIN SERVICES	5,000.00
HUD PART-TIME WAGES	20,000.00
HUD SERVICES (PUBLIC SERVICES)	18,750.00
HUD PUBLIC FACILITIES	145,181.00
HUD AFFORD HOUSING	81,250.00
HUD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	0.00
Total	270,181.00

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The following comments were made:

Drew Krauss identified homeless ness as a priority need and encouraged the Town to prevent and end homelessness in Yarmouth, and to introduce more intergenerational Age Friendly housing.

Ms. Waygan adjourned the Public Hearing at 4:40 PM

COMMENTS on the DRAFT PY2023 ANNUAL ONE YEAR ACTION PLAN:

The draft Annual One-Year Action Plan for PY2023 was made available to the Public by the Town on February 24, 2023. Comments were accepted through March 31, 2023. The following comments on the draft PY2022 Annual One Year Action Plan were received by the Town during the Public Comment Period which ran from February 24, 2023 to March 31, 2023:

Town Department Heads and Administration expressed need for improvement and the removal of architectural barriers at the Town's Senior Center and the Route 28 Park System, 261- 281 Route 28, West Yarmouth. There may also be a need to remove a code violation at the Senior Center which requires new fire/carbon monoxide detection system.