

PUBLIC HANDOUT

TOWN OF ASHLAND CDBG Application

Public Hearings, August 21, 2017, 6:30pm

Public Hearing on Proposed Harvey Heights Renovations

Community Development Block Grant funds are available to municipalities through the NH Community Development Finance Authority. Up to \$500,000 annually is available on a competitive basis for public facility and housing projects, up to \$500,000 for economic development projects and up to \$350,000 for emergency activities. All projects must directly benefit low and moderate-income persons. Up to \$12,000 per study is available for Planning Grants.

This is a proposed application to the Community Development Finance Authority for up to \$500,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds. The town will retain some of the CDBG funds to cover administrative expenses and sub-grant the bulk of the funds to Laconia Area Community Land Trust, Inc. for rehabilitation of 40 existing units of affordable housing at Harvey Heights (also known as Ledgewood Estates Apartments), Ledgewood Lane (off Avery Street) in Ashland, New Hampshire. The rehabilitation project will improve health and safety conditions on the property, provide energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades to enhance long-term affordability, and improve the exterior appearance of the property. The apartments will remain affordable for low and moderate-income individuals for a minimum of 20 years.

This project conforms with Ashland's Housing and Community Development Plan's Goal of: Encourage a varied stock of safe, sanitary, decent and affordable housing for persons of all age and income groups. (Short-term and Long-term goal).

Public Hearing on Housing and Community Development Plan

Discuss the proposed Housing and Community Development Plan that outlines short and long-term goals for the Town. No changes have been made since the Plan was discussed in 2013.

TOWN OF ASHLAND HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Town of Ashland commits to the following goals to meet its Housing and Community Development needs:

Goal: Encourage a varied stock of safe, sanitary, decent and affordable housing for persons of all age and income groups. (Short-term and Long-term goal).

Goal: Encourage economic development activities to increase quality industrial and commercial development. Encourage the expansion and retention of employment opportunities for residents. (Short-term and Long-term goal).

Goal: Encourage municipal and private water and wastewater systems that are safe, sanitary and that meet DES regulations. (Short-term and Long-term goal).

Goal: Preserve and promote the town's historically and culturally significant structures. (Short-term and Long-term goal).

Goal: Promote activities that protect the health and safety of residents and visitors. (Short-term and Long-term goal).

As a matter of policy, Ashland will minimize the involuntary displacement of households from their neighborhoods.

These goals are consistent with the Town of Ashland's Master Plan and local ordinances.

Any federal CDBG grant funds awarded to address any of these goals shall be expended consistent with national objectives and shall, at a minimum, provide improved housing in accordance with Section 8 standards, be used for public facility projects, employment opportunities, or feasibility studies. All CDBG funded projects, shall primarily benefit low and moderate-income persons or households, and shall not benefit moderate income persons or households to the exclusion of low income persons or households.

Public Hearing on Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan

This plan outlines measures, under the Uniform Relocation Act, required for CDBG projects that involve any displacement or relocation of persons (or businesses), if the Town were to undertake a CDBG project which involved displacement or relocation they would follow this plan. The plan outlines the measures they would take to find comparable, suitable housing for persons (or businesses) displaced or relocated.

Temporary relocation will be required during this project. While units are undergoing rehabilitation, if the household needs to be temporarily moved they will be moved to an empty unit on-site, a trailer on-site, an off-site LACLT unit, or to a local hotel/motel. LACLT will pay all temporary relocation costs.