



Notice of Public Hearing and Public Meeting
CDBG Advisory Committee

Monday, December 18, 2025 at 7 PM

<https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/81521892214>

The Public Hearing and Meeting will be conducted virtually at <https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/81521892214> and will accommodate public comment to the extent practical. To join the meeting via telephone: Call (312) 626-6799 or (646) 876-9923 and enter Webinar ID when prompted: **815 2189 2214**.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) has designated the Town of Amherst a Mini-Entitlement Community that is eligible to apply for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. CDBG funds support housing, community development projects and social service activities benefiting low-and moderate-income citizens. In accordance with State regulations, Amherst's CDBG Advisory Committee will hold a **Public Hearing on Thursday, December 18, 2025 at 7pm** to receive comments and suggestions regarding:

1. Ongoing activities from the FY2022/23 Grant:
 - a. Town of Amherst public infrastructure improvements—South East Street Neighborhood Park Improvements
2. Current Activities from the FY2024 Grant:
 - a. Amherst Mobile Market healthy food access project
 - b. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hampshire County youth mentoring services
 - c. Center for New Americans adult education and ESOL programs
 - d. Family Outreach community housing and support services
 - e. Amherst Survival Center food bank
 - f. Valley CDC microenterprise assistance program
 - g. Town of Amherst public infrastructure improvements – North Pleasant Street Pedestrian Improvements
3. Community priorities for the FY2026 application process
 - a. Social services
 - b. Non-social services such as housing and public infrastructure
 - c. Target areas where non-social services can take place
 - d. Community Development Strategy

PUBLIC MEETING

1. Announcements
2. Discuss and review comments from public hearing
3. Review Requests for Proposals for FY2026.
4. Public Comment
5. Other items not anticipated within 48 hours

Any person or organization wishing to be heard will be afforded an opportunity. Reasonable accommodations such as language translations services can be provided if requested 7 days before the meeting via a written request to the Town Manager's Office. Questions and written comments may be submitted any time to Planner, Walker Powell (powellw@amherstma.gov).