

TOWN OF YARMOUTH

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT
AMENDMENT OF PROGRAM PLANS
TO ALLOW FOR RAPID RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

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**THIS NOTICE HAS A FIVE (5) DAY COMMENT PERIOD
AS ALLOWED BY US HUD TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 AND
MITIGATE ECONOMIC IMPACTS CAUSED BY COVID-19**

It is intended by this notice to inform the general public that the Town of Yarmouth intends to amend the following Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Plans to enable a rapid response to the impacts of the spread of the coronavirus COVID-19. The proposed amendments are as follows:

- I. Amend the Community Needs Assessment for the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan to include the community needs caused by the spread of the new coronavirus (COVID-19) including the need for food security and nutrition programs, health services, business assistance, job retention and job creation, and direct services to essential workers.
- II. Amend the Strategic Plan in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan to include the following high priority needs identified by the Town as caused by the spread of COVID-19:
 - a. Special Business Assistance: activities to retain and create jobs held by low and moderate income workers, and prevent business closures
 - b. Public Service: activities to provide new or improved services with food security and nutrition programs to Yarmouth seniors, and new health services to Yarmouth seniors.
 - c. Urgent Need: activities to prevent the spread of the virus with the provision of direct housing services and other services for the purpose of preventing the spread of COVID-19.
- III. Amend the Anticipated Resources of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, and the Expected Resources of the 2019 One Year Action Plan and the 2020 One Year Action Plan to list the following resource: \$75,880 of CDBG-CV Funds.
- IV. Amend the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, the 2019 One Year Action Plan, and the 2020 One Year Action Plan Goals Summary Information and Annual Goals and Objectives in the following way:
 - a. Add the goal Urgent Need
 - b. Add Housing Services and Health Services as a Need Addressed under the goal of Urgent Need
 - c. Add Business Assistance as a Need Addressed under the goal of Expand Economic Opportunities

- d. Add Health Services, Food Security and Nutrition Services as Needs Addressed under the goal of Suitable Living Environment
- e. Add that the Town will expand the Yarmouth CDBG Economic Development Program to include Special Business Assistance for 1.) job retention and job creation programs town-wide; and 2.) assistance with operating costs to avoid business closure. Eligible businesses include microenterprise business and small business with 10 or fewer employees. A low and moderate income benefit must be identified.
- f. The Town will provide new and improved Public Services with food security and nutrition programs in response to the impacts caused by the spread of the new coronavirus (COVID-19). The Town may also expand Public Services with new health services in response to the impacts caused by the spread of COVID-19.
- g. The Town will initiate an Urgent Need activity by providing housing services program and health services in response to the impacts caused by the spread of the new coronavirus (COVID-19). The Town will provide services in order to isolate people exposed to COVID-19. The Town may prioritize essential employees, first responders, and health care professionals in need of housing.
- h. Funding shall be increased in the following way:
 - i. Reallocate Program Year 2019 funds by increasing the Public Services budget by \$15,000 and decreasing the Decent Housing budget by \$15,000.
 - ii. Allocate CDBG-CV Funds in the following way:

Administration	\$3,000
Public Services	\$15,000
Economic Opportunities	\$42,880
Urgent Need	<u>\$15,000</u>
Total	\$75,880

These funds will be allocated in the PY2019 Action Plan and any unspent funds will roll into PY2020 under the same categories.

Any questions or comments concerning the above-described activities and amendments should be put in writing within the **five-day (5) comment period** that begins with the publication of this notice in the newspaper, and sent to Mary Waygan, Affordable Housing/CDBG Program Administrator, Department of Community Development, 1146 Route 28, South Yarmouth, MA 02664 mwaygan@yarmouth.ma.us Telephone inquires may be made by calling (508) 398-2231 Ext. 1275 (TDD 508-398-2231). At this time the Town of Yarmouth Town Offices are closed to the public; however, staff is processing mail, emails and phone messages.

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