

CITY OF FITCHBURG

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

YEAR 46 PROPOSALS

YEAR 46 ESTIMATED FUNDING

AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSAL FORMS FOR YEAR FORTY-SIX PROGRAM

Estimated CDBG funds available for Year 46 (2020-2021) are as follows:

Estimated Year 46 Entitlement*	Amount to be determined
Year 45 Entitlement	\$974,302
Estimated Program Income available from prior years (Misc.)	\$625
Potential Misc. Program Income available in Year 46	\$700
Reprogrammed Funds	\$124,880
 <u>CDBG Housing Revolving Loan Funds:</u>	
Anticipated Program Income July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020	\$55,800
Anticipated Fund Balance as of June 30, 2020	\$165,000
Potential Program Income from July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021	\$60,000
 <u>CDBG Business Revolving Loan Funds:</u>	
Anticipated Program Income July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020	\$17,000
Anticipated Fund Balance as of June 30, 2020	\$40,000
Potential Program Income July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021	\$23,000
 <u>HOME Revolving Loan Funds:</u>	
Anticipated Program Income July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020	\$60,960
Anticipated Fund Balance as of June 30, 2020	\$180,000
Potential Program Income July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021	\$65,000

*** This figure may fluctuate pending budget approval by Congress**

CDBG YEAR 45 FUNDING REQUESTED

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS (10)	\$473,000
PUBLIC SERVICES (6)	\$192,000
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (3)	\$160,000
REHABILITATION AND PRESERVATION (2)	\$119,270
CLEARANCE ACTIVITIES (1)	\$150,000
PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION (1)	\$210,000
TOTAL YEAR 45 FUNDING REQUESTS (23)	\$1,304,270
ESTIMATED FUNDS AVAILABLE:	\$1,100,512

SUMMARY OF YEAR 45 PROPOSALS

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS

	PROJECT	SPONSOR	YEAR 46 REQUEST	YEAR 45 AWARD
A	Marshall Street Sidewalk Project	NewVue Communities	\$30,000	N/A
	Project funding would extend work previously completed by ReImagine North of Main and NewVue Communities, in conjunction with Fitchburg DPW. This work would extend the sidewalk from 86 Marshall Street to junction of Marshall and Johnson Streets.			
B	Parkhill Park Pathway Project	Board of Parks Commissioners	\$50,000	\$59,656*
	Project funds would be used to remove a broken up section of paved path, install a new pathway, a crosswalk, and extend the existing sidewalk along Memorial Middle School on Causeway Street. This new connection will create a safer, unbroken pathway for residents of the Cleghorn neighborhood.			
C	Crocker Field – Concrete Restoration in Grandstands	City of Fitchburg School Department	\$13,000	\$50,707[♦] [♦] For 3 projects
	Project funds will be used to demolish 125 and replace linear feet of concrete cap, and demolish and replace 5 cubic feet of deteriorated concrete, and remove and replace stucco, as appropriate.			
D	Affordable Studios	Fitchburg Cultural Alliance	\$40,000	n/a
	Project funds will be used to provide affordable studio space for low-moderate income artists, located in Fitchburg’s downtown. The studio space will include an art gallery and community space, both of which are open to the public. The community space will host workshops and cultural events. At least five (5) studio spaces will be available. The space will include a retail component.			
E	Streetscape Improvements	Community Development Department	\$225,000	\$149,140
	Project funds will be used to design, install or replace sidewalks, curb-cuts, fencing, lighting, plantings or other streetscape, infrastructure, or accessibility improvements along City Gateways, North of Main or other strategic locations. Funds will support the large-scale Main Street/Boulder Drive project, as well as the next round of Complete Streets. Other planned work includes sidewalk and wall work at Allen Place and sidewalk work on Clarendon and Middle Street.			
F	Fitchburg Abolitionist Park Phases I & II	Friends of the Fitchburg Abolitionist Park	\$5,000	n/a
	Project funds will be used to prepare and develop the site for a park commemorating Fitchburg’s participation in the Underground Railroad. This park, though located on land owned by Fitchburg State University, would be open to the public. Site preparation and development includes removal of tree stumps, resetting a granite wall, grading and hydro-seeding the lot, installing a stage, purchase and installation of signage, and landscaping.			
G	ADA Sidewalks and Crosswalk Ramps – South Street	Fitchburg DPW	\$40,000	n/a
	Project funding will replace crumbling sidewalks and substandard crosswalks and ADA ramps on South Street from Nashua Street to Charles Street.			

H	ADA Sidewalks & Crosswalk Ramps	Fitchburg DPW	\$35,000	n/a
	Project funding will replace substandard ADA ramps and crosswalk at mid-block crossing on Newton Place, sidewalk rehabilitation, ADA ramps, and crosswalk crossing along Rollstone Street between Park Hill Plaza and Forest Hill Cemetery.			
I	Downtown Mural Project	Community Development Department	\$25,000	\$23,862
	Program funds will be used to install 2-3 murals in the downtown area. The City will conduct an RFP process to solicit artists and designers interested in creating a mural for the downtown, and oversee the installation of said murals.			
J	Sprinkler System at Horizon House	LUK, Inc.	\$10,000	n/a
	Project funds will be used to purchase and install a sprinkler system at Horizon House, a group home for youth. This sprinkler system is required to comply with building and safety codes.			

* Year 45 funding was for a different project

10 PROPOSALS – \$473,000

PUBLIC SERVICES

	PROJECT	SPONSOR	YEAR 46 REQUEST	YEAR 45 AWARD
K	Street Homeless Intervention Program	Our Father's House	\$28,000	\$27,837
	Project funds will be used to pay staff salary for a 20 hour per week Street Outreach Worker solely dedicated to the homeless within the City of Fitchburg. Connections to mental health, addiction, health, and social services will be offered along with food, clothing, blankets, and human contact. Will work with Fitchburg PD and FD. \$8,000 would be used to pay for a chronically homeless persons first month's rent only or one-time payment in order to enable individuals to acquire and live in permanent housing and off the streets.			
L	Youth Innovation Center	MOC, Inc.	\$59,000	\$14,913*
	Program funds will be used to support the Youth Innovation Center, a co-working and maker space for teens and young adults. The space will serve as an attractive alternative to other teen "hangout" spaces. Access to technology is an important part of the programming, which could include video production, music recording, podcasting, or other performance and media production. The program will utilize Positive Youth Development principles and support team-building, youth leadership, mentorship opportunities, and entrepreneurship. A youth council will be integral to decision-making for the space.			
M	Spartacus Program	Montachusett Regional YMCA	\$10,000	\$9,942
	Program funds will be used to support staff salary of the Teen Center Spartacus Program, offering services to at-risk youth between the ages of 13 and 18 who live in Fitchburg. Emphasis will be on Youth Development, Healthy Living, and Social Responsibility through physical fitness, team building, life skills training, community service, and outdoor activities. It is estimated that 50 youth will be served between September and June.			
N	Drug Enforcement Patrol Program	Fitchburg Police Department	\$65,000	\$59,651
	Program funds will be used to provide for police overtime expenses related to drug investigation activities in the CDBG Strategy Area and foot/motorcycle/bicycle patrols in targeted CDBG areas. Police activities include narcotics investigations, surveillance, undercover buys, search warrant services, and arrests. CDBG funds will be used by the Drug Suppression Unit to conduct thorough investigations on mid- to high-level dealers in the City of Fitchburg, particularly targeting the heroin and opioid market in designated CDBG areas.			
O	Family Homeless Shelter	North Star Family Services	\$10,000	\$7,953
	Program funds will provide emergency housing for homeless families in North Worcester County, including case management and follow up services. It is estimated NSFS will screen 200-250 referrals during the year, and expects to serve 20 Fitchburg families in the shelter and emergency services. The CDBG funds will be used to partially pay for the NSFS Operations Manager salary costs.			
P	Homelessness Prevention Project	Community Legal Aid	\$20,000	\$9,942
	Program funds will be used to assist low-income and elderly tenants at risk of eviction or loss of housing subsidy, in order to help prevent homelessness. CLA will also take on cases related to housing that is in need of repair; CLA is able to assert legal claims that result in improvement to housing conditions, making the unit more livable for the tenant, and increases the quality of the City's housing stock. In 2018, in the Central Division of the Housing Court, 93.2% of tenants were underrepresented, compared to 33.4% of landlords. Funding will support part of a Staff Attorney and the Senior Supervising Attorney.			

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6 PROPOSALS – \$192,000

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

	PROJECT	SPONSOR	YEAR 46 REQUEST	YEAR 45 AWARD
Q	Small Business Technical Assistance Program	NewVue Communities	\$25,000	\$20,880
	<p>Program funds will provide outreach and technical assistance to businesses, as well as help leverage loans for small businesses. It is estimated that 40 businesses will be served (unduplicated count), 60 jobs will be created/retained, and 3 loans with a value of \$75,000 total will be facilitated. Funds will be used to pay staff salary. NewVue has seen an increase in the need for intensive services for small business, and requests additional funds to meet this need for expanded support.</p>			
R	Microenterprise Business Development	Community Development Department	\$100,000	n/a
	<p>Project funds will be used to support new and expanding microenterprises through loans and grants. Particular focus will be placed on businesses in need of one-time start-up costs, and preference will be given to retail.</p>			
S	Fitchburg Downtown Coordinator	Fitchburg State University	\$35,000	\$29,828
	<p>Program funds will be used to support the salary of the Downtown Coordinator, who will assist in planning and coordinating Main Street projects and special events; assist in the development of a shared brand strategy for Downtown Fitchburg as both a college town and arts and culture destination. This position will spend significant time on supporting microenterprises in the downtown.</p>			

3 Proposals – \$160,000

REHABILITATION AND PRESERVATION

	PROJECT	SPONSOR	YEAR 46 REQUEST	YEAR 45 AWARD
T	Code Enforcement	Board of Health	\$99,270	\$99,427
	<p>Program funds will be used to pay 100% of one existing full-time BOH Inspector positions and 50% of one full-time Clerk position. Through the enforcement of the State’s Sanitary and Building Codes, Fitchburg’s housing stock will be greatly improved. It is estimated that 200 housing units and 900 dwellings will be inspected in the CDBG strategy area.</p>			
U	Critical Home Repair	Habitat for Humanity	\$20,000	\$19,885
	<p>Program funds will be used to fund 4-6 critical repairs in Fitchburg, serving 10 households. Critical Home Repair is exterior or interior work to alleviate critical health, life, and safety issues or code violations for homeowners in need. Participants must own their own home and have a verifiable need that falls within scope and capabilities. The home must be a primary principal residence, current on mortgage, property taxes and insurance. Repairs must be necessary to function in the home and homeowners must partner with Habitat.</p>			

2 PROPOSALS – \$119,270

CLEARANCE ACTIVITIES

	PROJECT	SPONSOR	YEAR 46 REQUEST	YEAR 45 AWARD
V	Demolition	Community Development Department	\$150,000	\$228,160
	Project funds will be used to remove abandoned structures which pose an imminent threat to public safety and which contribute to slums and blight. The entire City will be served but the principal benefit will accrue to the CDBG Strategy Area in which the proposed activities will take place. It is estimated that 4 buildings containing up to 12 units will be demolished. Consultants will be hired for specific expertise such as environmental assessment or engineering services.			

1 PROPOSAL – \$150,000

PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION

	PROJECT	SPONSOR	YEAR 46 REQUEST	YEAR 45 AWARD
W	CDBG Administration	Community Development Department	\$210,000	\$194,860
	Project funds will provide for the necessary administration of CDBG programs and sub-recipient contracts in accordance with federal guidelines, including staffing, technical services, and planning activities. This also includes the cost of various activities such as the Consolidated Plan; Consolidated Annual Performance Report; Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing; and other strategic plans and services. These funds enable the City to apply for, receive, and administer additional federal and state grants.			

1 PROPOSAL – \$210,000
