

Fiscal Year 2019-2020 CDBG Budget Approved

Each year, Malden receives federal funds through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, which is the primary federal program for helping cities address the causes and consequences of poverty. Malden's CDBG entitlement for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020) totals \$1,349,916, plus funds remaining from prior years. Following a public process, Mayor Gary Christenson submitted a proposed FY20 CDBG budget, which received unanimous approval from the City Council. The budget includes funding for housing rehabilitation loans for low-moderate income households; funds for 19 public service programs that serve low-moderate income residents; funding for parks, public facilities and infrastructure in eligible areas of the community; and funds for grant administration and Section 108 loan payments. The Malden Redevelopment Authority (MRA) administers this federal program on behalf of the City of Malden.

There are many public service programs in Malden that provide food, housing, health care and other vital services to vulnerable residents. The City allocates CDBG funds to support public service programs that serve Malden's low- and moderate-income residents. Up to 15% of the grant can be spent on public service programs in a given year. Programs slated to receive funding in FY 2018-2019 are:

Action for Boston Community Development: ABCD will provide critically needed housing stabilization services and direct assistance to individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless.

Bread of Life: This program serves meals at the BOL food pantry to low income and homeless persons in Malden utilizing CDBG funds along with donations from other local public service providers, churches and synagogues.

Communitas: A free family swim program for low and moderate income developmentally disabled Malden children. The program provides recreation and leisure experiences while promoting independence, social interaction, encouraging a fitness lifestyle and enhanced quality of life.

Disability Policy Consortium: The Disability Policy Consortium will engage members of Malden's disability community to develop an emergency response plan that considers the needs of Malden residents with a disability. DPC will also provide training for the disability community.

Housing Families, Inc.: This agency works to end homelessness by providing safe, temporary shelter, creating affordable housing and providing support services to family members of all ages. CDBG funds support case management and direct assistance to families experiencing housing insecurity or homelessness. In FY20 CDBG funds will be used to prevent approximately 15 families from becoming homeless.

The Immigrant Learning Center: This program provides free, intensive English language classes to low-moderate income immigrant and refugee adults living in Malden. The English as a Second Language (ESL) program provides language skills needed to apply for and maintain employment.

Just-A-Start: Just-A-Start focuses on the stabilization of occupied housing, education/training/job placement and the development and retention of affordable housing. CDBG funds will be used to provide legal education and mediation for low income Malden residents at risk of homelessness, specifically

eviction/ dispute resolution, mediation, legal education and advice, financial assistance, and follow up support.

Justice Resource Institute: JRI runs the Youth Harbors program, which provides support services for homeless and unaccompanied Malden High School students. It provides services to address housing, health and academic needs while maintaining their enrollment in high school. The program boasts tremendous success rates, with more than 90% of students housed and on track to graduate or graduated within six months of joining the program.

Malden Senior Center's Elderly/Disabled Transportation Program: This collaborative program provides transportation services for medical appointments and food shopping for elderly and disabled Malden residents. SCM coordinates the ride requests.

Malden Neighborhood Basketball League: MNBL is a community-based basketball program that serves low and moderate income youth who do not play varsity level sports. It provides an organized recreational outlet as well as counseling for high school aged boys.

Malden Reads: Malden Reads is a city-wide reading program organized by community groups, city leaders and residents in collaboration with the Malden Public Library and MATV. It invites the community to read the same book and participate in a series of events related to the book's themes. The goal is to encourage reading, promote the library and other city resources and build community. CDBG funds help offset the cost of purchasing books for Malden Public Schools students.

Malden Teen Enrichment Center: MTEC provides a welcoming, safe and free place for after-school programs, tutoring and activities for teens, including peer-to-peer workshops, working with Malden's Promise Coalition to decrease the dropout rate, outreach to homeless teens, literacy programs and teen domestic violence counseling. It helps promote leadership skills and community involvement.

Mystic Valley Elder Services: CDBG funds will help provide lunch and assistance with social, medical, language and cultural issues two days a week at the Senior Center for Malden seniors, with an emphasis on ensuring access for Malden's Asian community.

North Shore Black Women's Association: Provides assistance for low and moderate income Malden students for education, and helps finance the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Luncheon.

The Salvation Army: This faith-based organization uses CDBG funds to operate an emergency services program where Malden residents may seek funds to help pay overdue heat, electric bills and rent in order to maintain their apartments. The program also provides budget counseling and referrals.

Tailored For Success: Tailored For Success uses CDBG funds for its Career Closet program, which provides business attire and interview counseling to low-moderate income Malden residents.

Tufts University, Sharewood Project: Tufts University medical students operate the Sharewood Project, a free health clinic each Tuesday night at St. Paul's Church in Malden Center. Most Sharewood patients are children, and most families have limited English proficiency. CDBG funds help cover the cost of medical translators to ensure that immigrants and refugees have access to medical care.

YMCA Malden: The YMCA uses CDBG funds for its Youth Outreach Program, which provides services for low-moderate income youth in the Malden community, specifically in the Newland Street and Linden public housing developments.

YWCA Malden: The YWCA uses CDBG funds for its Makers of Malden program, which uses the Makerspace model to promote 21st century skills like critical thinking and collaboration.