

Fiscal Year 2020-2021 CDBG Budget Approved

The approved Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021) totals \$1,405,683 which includes funding for housing rehabilitation loans for low to moderate income homeowners; funding for public service programs; and funding for physical improvements in income eligible areas of the City of Malden. The budget was approved by the Malden City Council and signed by Mayor Gary Christenson. The Malden Redevelopment Authority (MRA) administers this Federal program on behalf of the City. .

There are many public service programs that provide food, housing and jobs to low and moderate income residents and when these providers turn to the City for help, community leaders, when possible, come forward with much needed financial and humanitarian assistance. The Mayor and City Council direct the MRA to allocate CDBG funds to support public service programs that serve Malden's low to 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 2020-2021 are:

Action for Boston Community Development: ABCD will provide critically needed outreach and support services to homeless individuals in Malden to direct persons to shelters, mainstream services and ultimately permanent housing.

Asian Community Development Corporation: ACDC will provide a homebuyer and financial savings program to low and moderate income residents.

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

Greater Boston Legal Services: GBLS will provide much needed civil legal aid for Malden elders.

Housing Families, Inc.: HFI works to end homelessness by providing safe, temporary shelter, creating affordable housing and providing support services to family members of all ages.

The Immigrant Learning Center: Designed to meet the English language needs of foreign-born low and moderate income residents, ILC's program emphasizes life skills and instruction in speaking, reading and writing. The English as a Second Language (ESL) program provides language skills needed to apply for and keep jobs.

Just-A-Start: The agency focuses on the stabilization of occupied housing, education, training, job placement and the development and retention of affordable housing. JAS will provide legal education and mediation for low income Malden residents at risk of homelessness.

Justice Resource Institute: JRI dba Youth Harbors will provide support services for high school students facing homelessness who are unaccompanied or lack consistent family support. The program will provide services to address housing, health and employment while maintaining enrollment in high school.

Malden Elderly/Disabled Transportation Program/SCM Door 2 Door Transportation: This collaborative program provides transportation for elderly and disabled persons to medical appointments and shopping. SCM Door 2 Door coordinates the ride requests.

Malden Neighborhood Basketball League: Community-based basketball program serving low and moderate income youth who do not play varsity level sports. The program provides an organized recreational outlet as well as counseling for high school aged boys.

Malden Reads: A city-wide reading program organized by community groups, city leaders and residents in collaboration with the Malden Public Library and MATV. By inviting 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 City resources and to build community.

Malden Teen Enrichment Center: The center 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 school dropout rate, outreach to homeless teens, literacy programs and teen domestic violence counseling.

Mystic Valley Elder Services: MVES will utilize CDBG funds to help provide lunch two days a week at the Senior Center for Asian American elders and to provide assistance with social, medical, language and cultural issues.

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

Tufts University, Sharewood Project: Tufts operates a free health clinic one evening per week to provide health care services to low income Malden residents.

YMCA Malden: Utilizing CDBG funds, the YMCA will serve Malden youth by providing activities including day care, indoor youth craft, computer instruction, sports and alternative outdoor activities during the summer months.

YWCA Malden: The primary focus of the Youth and Teen Programs is to provide after-school, educational, social and other activities such as self-defense courses, dances and public information seminars for low and moderate income teen girls. The program also provides enrichment/arts classes to promote cultural, racial and sexual awareness and sensitivity.