

Approved Fiscal Year 2017 CDBG Budget Will Provide Funds for Public Services and Physical Improvements

The approved Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) budget for Fiscal Year 2017 (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017) totals \$1,232,559. This includes \$124,000 for housing rehabilitation loans for low-to-moderate income homeowners; \$148,000 to support 25 public service programs; as well as funding for physical improvements and roadway construction in income eligible areas of the community. The budget was approved by the Malden City Council and signed by Mayor Gary Christenson. The Malden Redevelopment Authority administers this federal program on behalf of the City of Malden. Below find a listing of the public service programs that are receiving CDBG funding in Fiscal Year 2017:

There are many public service programs in Malden that provide food, housing and jobs to low and moderate income residents and when these provides 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 Malden Redevelopment Authority to allocate CDBG Program funds to support programs that serve Malden's less fortunate residents. Up to 15% of the grant can be spent on public service programs in a given year. Programs slated to receive funding in Fiscal Year 2017 are:

Al Locke Basketball League: This organized league is geared towards Malden middle school students who do not play for their school team. It promotes sportsmanship through team building activities, nurtures self-confidence and offers guidance to promote good citizenship.

American Association for Arab Women: This program helps empower Malden's low income Arab women to become family and community leaders.

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

Cambridge Health Alliance: Cambridge Health Alliance runs a teen outreach program using peer leadership and community service learning projects as a way to reduce dropout rates and lower risk-taking behavior.

Chinese Culture Connection: This program helps strengthen the community by bridging the gap between American and Chinese people through interactive educational programs and the arts.

D12 Challenger League: A program that enables children with physical and mental challenges the opportunity to play baseball in a fun, safe and stress-free environment.

EMARC: 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.

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.

The Immigrant Learning Center: This program was designed to meet the English language needs of foreign-born low and moderate income residents. The 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.

Intimate Partner Violence Project: A service for victims of family violence providing counseling, advocacy, referrals and education.

Just-A-Start: This agency 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.

Malden Babe Ruth League: Baseball league for Malden youth that promotes self-esteem and physical activity for low and moderate income Malden youth.

Malden Boys Youth Basketball: Youth basketball traveling league for low income Malden youth that combines peer leadership and life skills training along with basketball instruction.

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

Malden Neighborhood Basketball League: 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: 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.

Malden Teen Enrichment Center: The center is 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 Asian Malden seniors.

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 will utilize 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. Typically 15 households benefit from this program annually.

Tailored For Success: This organization provides employment assistance to low and moderate income Malden residents, job interview counseling and appropriate business attire at no cost.

Triangle, Inc.: This agency has an award winning school-to-career program for young adults with disabilities; an array of career planning services, comprehensive employment training and planning services for individuals with disabilities; *Ablevision*, an award-winning television show; a medical manufacturing facility; a contract fulfillment center and cafe staffed by trainees; and robust daytime activities for all people served by Triangle. CDBG funds will be used on these activities and programs.

United Conquers Girls Basketball: United Conquerors Basketball Club a premier national AAU program that provides full year player/team development. U.C.B.C. will educate, motivate and prepare student athletes individually and through team components.

YMCA Malden Outreach: Utilizing CDBG funds, the YMCA will continue to serve Malden youth. The Outreach Program provides a number of activities including day care, indoor youth craft, computer instruction, sports and alternative outdoor activities during the summer months.

YWCA Malden Outreach: 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. It also provides enrichment/arts classes designed to promote cultural, racial and sexual awareness and sensitivity.