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TOWN OF ESSEX NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Essex will conduct a public hearing by the Board of Selectmen on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 6:30 PM in the Essex Town Hall, 29 West Avenue, Essex, CT, to discuss the Fiscal Year 2015 Community Development Block Grant program and to solicit citizen input.

Maximum award limits:

- \$700,000 for Public Facilities;
- \$700,000 for Public Housing Modernization of 25 units or less, or \$800,000 for 26 units and over;
- \$500,000 for Infrastructure;
- \$400,000 for Housing Rehabilitation Program for single towns, \$500,000 for two-town consortium, and \$600,000 for three or more towns;
- \$25,000 for Planning Only Grants;
- \$500,000 for Economic Development Activities; and
- \$500,000 for Urgent Need.

Major activity categories are: Acquisition, Housing Rehabilitation, Public Housing Modernization, Community Facilities, Public Services, and Economic Development. Projects funded with CDBG allocations must carry out at least one of three National Objectives: benefit to low- and moderate-income persons, elimination of slums and blight, or meeting urgent community development needs.

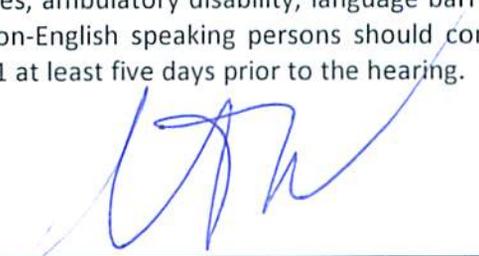
The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain citizen's views on the Town's community development and housing needs and review and discuss specific project activities in the areas of housing, economic development or community facilities which could be part of the Town's Application for funding.

Also, the public hearing will be to give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known on the program and for approval of the Program Income Reuse Plan. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the First Selectman's Office, 29 West Ave, Essex, CT 06426 or you may telephone 860-767-4340 x114. In addition, information may be obtained at the above address Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Comments must be received no later than 4:00 pm on Wednesday, March 18, 2015. The hearing will also review and discuss the Town's prior Small Cities projects including any currently open or underway.

The First Selectman's Office on behalf of the Town of Essex anticipates applying for the maximum grant amount of \$800,000 under the Public Housing Modernization category for improvements to the Essex Court Senior Housing Complex. In addition the Town of Essex will discuss a revolving loan fund with program income generated from housing rehabilitation loan programs.

The Town of Essex promotes fair housing and makes all programs available to low- and moderate-income families regardless of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual preference, marital status, or handicap.

All are encouraged to attend. The hearing is accessible to the handicapped. These limitations may include visual or hearing disabilities, ambulatory disability, language barrier, etc. Any disabled persons requiring special assistance or non-English speaking persons should contact Mary Ellen Barnes, ADA Coordinator at 860-767-4340 x201 at least five days prior to the hearing. Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action.



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Dated this 18th day of February, 2015 at Essex, CT