Town of Weymouth Massachusetts



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Weymouth is substantially amending its FY 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan (AAP) for Community Development Block Grant funds from the US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development that must predominantly benefit low/moderate income residents in the areas of housing, community, and economic development. The original HUD award was for \$683,864 (already allocated to sub recipients). The substantial amendment states how Weymouth will use an additional \$419,319 in CDBG funds available under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) for preventing, preparing for, and responding to COVID-19.

The substantial amendment allows Weymouth to use such funds for any or all of the following:

- Grants to Weymouth microenterprises (for-profit businesses with 5 or less employees including owner), and other small Weymouth for-profits (6 or more employees) to create or retain jobs (51% of which must be held by or available to low or moderate income persons). Grants must be used for business rent/lease costs. Associated administrative costs may also be paid using the additional COVID-19 funds.
- 2. Public services related to COVID 19.
- 3. Payment of emergency residential rent or mortgage for low/moderate income residents.

Weymouth is also substantially amending its CDBG Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) consistent with the CARES Act to shorten the usual 30 day period required for public comments to be submitted to five business days. The Town is providing a comment period on both amendments to run concurrently from May 6 to May 13.

Please send comments in writing by May 13, 2020 at 4:30 PM via email to <u>JLehrer@Weymouth.MA.US</u>. or by regular US mail to:

Town Hall DPCD, 3rd Floor 75 Middle Street Weymouth, MA 02189 Attention Jody Lehrer

Comments will be made part of the amended AAP and if not accepted the AAP will include the rationale.