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**RE: Haverhill 2026 Community Development Department CDBG Request for Proposals (RFP)**

*Seeking: Community Development projects and programs which serve principally low-income households, help eliminate slum and blight conditions, and/or provide shelter and services for the homeless.*

Dear Prospective Applicant:

I am pleased to notify you and your organization that the application for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (Program Year 2026) funding from the City of Haverhill's Community Development Department (CDD) is now available.

The City of Haverhill is the recipient of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In turn, the Community Development Department solicits projects from local community non-profits and service organizations, in order to best serve and benefit low-income households, targeting Haverhill residents who earn 80% or below of Area Median Income.

Bear in mind that these Public Services funds are primarily programmatic in nature. While equipment costs can be provided for a program, these CDBG funds are not intended for capital purposes.

2026 Program Year funds available through this grant are awarded only to non-profit agencies with the capacity and experience to carry out a proposed activity. Please note that each funded entity is subject to federal and local audit(s).

The primary objective of the CDBG program is the *“development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing and suitable living environments and expanding economic opportunities, principally for low-and moderate-income individuals.”*

Please note that this application is for funds that will become available *no sooner than July 1, 2026, more likely after September 1, 2026, given delays in federal budgeting by Congress.*

In an effort to reduce paper usage and mailing costs, we are encouraging interested potential applicants to locate the RFP on the City of Haverhill Community Development website at:

[https://www.cityofhaverhill.com/departments/community\\_development\\_block\\_grant.php](https://www.cityofhaverhill.com/departments/community_development_block_grant.php)

Community Development plans and priorities are available for reviewing on the CDBG website.

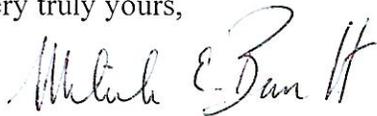
**Please note that the deadline to return a completed application is Friday, April 10, 2026 at 3 PM.**

In late April, organizations will have an opportunity to present their proposals for review by the Community Affairs Advisory Board (CAAB). Eligible organizations will be notified of the time and date of their proposed presentation, if applicable.

There will also be a non-mandatory **Technical Assistance Workshop** to aid any organization in completing the application on **Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 4-6 PM in Room 308, City Hall, 4 Summer Street, Haverhill. If you have any questions, please contact the Community Development Department for details at (978) 374-2344.**

I hope your organization will consider applying for these CDBG funds, and I would encourage you to spread the word throughout the community so that we can reach as many potential individuals and needy households as possible.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosures

c: Andrew K. Herlihy, Division Director