

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Watertown will conduct a public hearing by the Town Council on Wednesday May 6, 2024, at 6:15pm at the Watertown Town Hall, Town Council Chambers, 61 Echo Lake Road, Watertown, CT to discuss the Fiscal Year 2024 Community Development Block Grant program and to solicit citizen input.

Maximum award limits:

- Up to \$2,000,000 for Public Housing Modernization with priority to State Sponsored Housing Portfolio (SSHP).
- Up to \$1,000,000 for Infrastructure associated with the development of Affordable Housing (e.g., streets sidewalks, sewer lines, windmills);

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 new Application for funding for the year 2024.

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 applicable. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the Town of Watertown, Town Managers Office, 61 Echo Lake Road, Watertown, CT 06795, or you may telephone 860-945-5255. In addition, information may be obtained at the above address between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Town of Watertown anticipates applying for the maximum grant amount of \$2,000,000.00 under the Public Housing Modernization.

The Town of Watertown promotes fair housing and makes all programs available to low-and moderate-income households regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, learning disability or physical/mental disability, or sexual orientation.

"All are encouraged to attend. The hearing is accessible to the handicapped. Any disabled persons requiring special assistance or non-English speaking persons should contact Dana McGee, ADA Coordinator at 860-258-2700 at least five days prior to the hearing."