

City of Gardner

Community Development Block Grant Microenterprise Assistance Grant Program Public Hearing Notice

As part of the City of Gardner's Community Development Block Grant Covid-19 (CDBG-CV) Microenterprise Assistance Grant Program the City, acting through its Department of Community Development and Planning, will conduct a Public Hearing on **Thursday, December 3rd at 2:00 PM**. The hearing will be held remotely via Teleconference using the Zoom virtual meeting application. The City has received \$400,000 in CDBG-CV funding from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) through the Federal CARES Act and will be administering grants to eligible microenterprise businesses.

The purpose of the hearing is to solicit public input regarding a proposed program revision to increase the potential maximum award amount to eligible microenterprise business applicants from \$5,000 to \$10,000. The proposed revision is consistent with the Massachusetts DHCD, CDBG-CV guidelines and local program and community needs. Actual award amounts will vary and will be based on documented losses incurred and eligible expenses as defined by the local program guidelines. All interested persons are welcome to attend; specifically, eligible and interested microenterprise businesses located within Gardner are encouraged to attend or provide input. A basic review of the program and application process will also take place.

Requests for an invitation link to the Zoom Meeting and any questions or comments regarding the CDBG-CV Microenterprise Assistance Grant Program may be sent by e-mail to jlegros@gardner-ma.gov or mailed to Jeffrey Legros, Assistant Director, Manca Annex, 115 Pleasant Street, Room 202, Gardner, MA 01440. All comments received by the close of the public hearing will be considered by the City of Gardner.

The Manca Annex is accessible to handicapped persons. Translation into other languages or for the hearing impaired is available upon prior request; minimum of three days notice. For more information please contact Jeffrey Legros, Assistant Director at **978-630-4011 x 1**.