

City of Gardner

FY2022

Community Development Block Grant

Public Hearing Notice

As part of the development of the FY 2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application, the City, acting through its Department of Community Development and Planning, will conduct a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, December 8th at 2:30 PM**. The hearing will be held in the Manca Annex, Robert L. Hubbard Conference Room, 115 Pleasant Street, Gardner, MA. The purpose of the hearing is to solicit public input regarding unmet needs in the City by updating the Community Development Strategy (CDS) and the use of CDBG funding for the period of July 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022, however, these dates are subject to change. The CDS is a planning document that serves as a road map for what needs to be done in the City and how the City proposes to meet those needs. Some of those needs may be met through the CDBG allocation. In general, CDBG eligible projects must benefit low – to moderate – income individuals or address slum and blight. The City will be applying for an amount currently estimated to be \$825,000.

Eligible uses of CDBG funding include, but are not limited to:

- Land and building acquisition and disposition
- Public facility improvements such as parks and streets
- Clearance and demolition activities
- Public services
- Removal of architectural barriers (handicapped accessibility)
- Code enforcement
- Historic preservation
- Planning and program administration
- Building and housing rehabilitation

A review of previously funded CDBG projects (FY19 and FY20) will also take place.

Questions or comments regarding the use of CDBG funding may be sent by e-mail to lbutler@gardner-ma.gov or mailed to Lyndsy Butler, 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 Joshua Cormier, Assistant Director at **978-630-4011 x 1**.