

**Economic & Community Development Department**  
Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Program  
Public Hearing, May 4, 2023 At 4:50 PM  
**City Hall West, 131 N. Main St., Second FL – Meeting Rm 1**

*ECD and CDBG representatives present*

Howard Schmelder, ECD Board – Vice Chair  
Tom Hick, ECD Board – Commissioner  
Sebastian Panioto, ECD Board - Council Member  
Dr. Dawn Leger, Grants Administrator  
Justin Malley, ECD Executive Director  
Mayor Jeff Caggiano, City of Bristol  
Sharon Arsego, Recording Secretary

Howard Schmelder called the meeting to order at 4:50pm stating there are no votes taken at this public hearing, and he would read an opening statement and proceed from that point.

Opening Remarks:

The Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program offers tax credits for businesses when they invest in non-profit organizations providing programs that meet the provisions of the Act. Programs can include energy conservation, employment and training, child care services, neighborhood assistance, and other services. The role of the City in this program is to simply certify that applicants are eligible to apply for the tax credits. The Department of Revenue Services is responsible for deciding which programs may receive tax credits and what amount.

The statute requires each municipality to hold one public hearing on the subject of which programs shall be included in the list submitted to the Commissioner of the Department of Revenue Services (DRS). The City Council has designated the Economic and Community Development (ECD) to conduct this hearing.

The ECD will vote on these projects at their meeting today, May 4, 2023, immediately following this public hearing. The recommendations will then be forwarded to the City Council for approval at its May 9, 2023 meeting. To qualify for the program, applicants must be bona fide tax-exempt organizations and the projects must relate to community or neighborhood services in Bristol. Following City Council approval, the projects will be submitted to the DRS before the statutory deadline of July 1, 2023.

Is there anyone here to speak to the panel about the program at this time? Please give your name and address, and state the organization you are speaking about for the record.

Mr. Schmelder acknowledged there was no one present in the room or on Zoom to speak to the panel. He dispensed with the reading of the list of applicants, referred to them as attached to this letter. Their information and details will be included in the minutes for the record.

As a matter of record, the 2023 NAA Applicants for Bristol are:

1. Boys & Girls Club of Bristol (Energy Conservation - \$150,000)
2. Bristol Historical Society (Energy efficiency repointing - \$150,000)
3. The Family Center, Inc./ dba ImagineNation, A Museum Early Learning Center  
(Inspiring Imagine Nation One Child At A Time - \$126,000)
4. Greater Bristol Realty Corporation (Bristol Homes Phase 2 - \$150,000)
5. Liberty Baptist Church (Energy Efficient Lighting - \$24,890)
6. Nutmeg Symphony Orchestra (Concert Series/Educational Children's Concerts -  
\$64,460)
7. Prudence Crandall Center Inc. (Annual Appeal - \$150,000)
8. Prudence Crandall Center Inc. (Energy Efficiency - \$37,060)
9. Shepard Meadows Equestrian Center (Solar Power - \$75,000)
10. United Way of West Central CT (Neighbors in Need - \$125,000)
11. Wheeler Clinic, Inc. (Bristol Family Health & Wellness Center HVAC System -  
\$150,000)

There was no additional discussion. Mr. Schmelder closed the public hearing at 4:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Arsego  
Recording Secretary