

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
May 10, 2021  
**City of Bristol**  
**Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Program**  
5:00 P.M. BRISTOL CITY HALL  
Online via Zoom

**ATTENDEES:** Commissioner Howard Schmelder

**STAFF:** Dawn Leger, Grants Administrator  
Justin Malley, Executive Director-ECD  
Christine Cooper, Administrative Assistant

The Hearing was called to order by ECD Commissioner and Vice-Chairperson Howard Schmelder at 5:00 p.m. ECD board members and staff were introduced.

Opening Remarks were read by Commissioner Schmelder:

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 such a hearing which has been set for Monday, May 10, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

The ECD will vote on these projects at their meeting on June 3, 2021. The recommendations are then forwarded to the City Council for approval at its June 8, 2021 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, 2021.

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.

Representatives from the following organizations made brief statements:

- Donna Osuch, United Way of West Central Connecticut
- Scot Scalia and Christine Thebarge, St. Vincent DePaul
- Doreen Stickney, ImagineNation, division of Bristol Boys and Girls Club

No other comments were forthcoming from the Public.

The Public Hearing was closed at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Cooper, Recording Secretary