

Economic & Community Development Department

CDBG First Public Hearing

2023-2024 – Program Year 49

Monday, February 13, 2023 at 5:30PM

Bristol Public Library, 5 High Street, Bristol in Room #3

CDBG Grant Committee Members present

Howard Schmelder, Chair
Commissioner Tom Hick
Commissioner Mike Massarelli
Dr. Dawn Leger, Grants Administrator
Justin Malley, ECD Executive Director
Mayor Jeff Caggiano, City of Bristol
Sharon Arsego, Recording Secretary

Welcome to the first public hearing for the use of Community Development Block Grant funds for Program Year 49, which runs from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

(Introduction of Mayor and CD Board, and ECD Staff)

Each year, as part of the required public process in the annual CDBG application to HUD, the City of Bristol, through the Economic and Community Development Department holds a public hearing for the purpose of receiving recommendations on community needs in Bristol. No votes are taken at the Public Hearing. There is also an ECD Policy Committee meeting, a second public hearing on March 13, and a 30-day public comment period. Other opportunities for comment are at the ECD Board and City Council meetings.

In response to our request for proposals, this year the ECD received requests for **15** grants: There are **11** applications totaling **\$245,839** for Public Services and 4 applications for Public Facilities (capital projects) that add up to **\$234,800**. This includes a request from the City's Department of Public Works for **\$135,000** to improve sidewalks in the Opportunity Zone. Unfortunately, these requests total more than double what is available if the City receives approximately the same allocation as we did last year. HUD has not announced the CDBG allocations for Year 49 at this time.

Tonight's agenda is as follows. We will hear:

1. General comments from the public.
2. Presentations will be made by applicant organizations in the order in which they were received. By your presence here tonight, you are expressing appreciation for past support and future consideration. The Board has read the proposals submitted, and therefore, we are requesting the applicants give a **brief** presentation of **information** you wish to present in addition to what was contained in your application.
3. **Is there anyone here from the public who would like to address this committee?**
There were no comments from the public
4. We will now hear from the applicants. Please state your name for the record, the agency you represent, and the address of the organization. **SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO THE MICROPHONE.**

Grant Applicants present

1	City of Bristol Sidewalks Jason Morrocco, Project Manager, City of Bristol
3	Shepard Meadows Therapeutic Riding Shelly Pope, Executive Director Emily Escher, Program Director
4	Family Resource Centers Sandra Godin, Development Director
5	BristolWORKS! Kim Ward Holley, Director
6	Salvation Army Bristol Corps Captain Shareena Echavarria, Commanding Officer (Zoom)
7	Bristol Boys & Girls Club – Outreach Jonathan Rulkowski, Site Director Doreen Stickney, Director of Development
8	YWCA New Britain – SACS Alyssa D’Amato, Program Director (Zoom)
9	New England Carousel Museum – Window Replacement Morgan Urgo, Executive Director
10	Prudence Crandall - Shelter services Linda Pierce, Grants Manager (Zoom)
11	Neighborhood Housing Services of NB Jim Dunn, Director – Housing Development
12	United Way Summer Youth Employment Nancy Micloskey, Project Manager (Zoom)
13	Bristol Housing Authority - Komanetsky Estates Carl Johnson, Director - Capital Fund
14	St. Vincent DePaul Homeless Shelter Christine Theborge, Executive Director (Zoom)
15	Bristol Blues Baseball Sarah Lucian, Community Partnerships

Committee Chair, Howard Schmelder, closed the Public Hearing at 6:35 PM