

Program Year 2024 Community Development Block Grant Information Sheet for Public Services:

The Town of Barnstable receives CDBG funds annually from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to fund activities that benefit low- and moderate-income (LMI) residents of Barnstable. The Town is initiating a competitive application process to allocate a portion (capped at 15% of the total allocation) of CDBG funds for Public Service grants. Eligible activities include, but are not limited to, programs involved with services for employment, childcare, senior citizens, education, health, substance abuse, and youth programs. At the time of the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) issuance, the Town of Barnstable has not yet received actual program year (PY) allocation of CDBG funds from HUD. The Planning and Development Department anticipates awarding approximately \$50,000 in public service grants for services provided during the one-year period from July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025. Grants will range in funding amount based on applications, order of submission, demonstrated ability to meet CDBG expenditure and reporting requirements, and level of need.

All pre-applications and applications must be submitted to the Planning and Development Department via email, mail, or in-person drop-off. If you are a new applicant to CDBG, please fill out and submit a pre-application *before* being asked to fill out a full application. To view further CDBG Information and Applications, please visit: <https://www.town.barnstable.ma.us/departments/cdbg/>

Email Submissions: elizabeth.jenkins@town.barnstable.ma.us

Mailing and Drop Off Address: 367 Main Street, Hyannis MA 02601

Anticipated 2024 Timeline:

March 2024: PY24 CDBG Public Service NOFA is released.

April 30, 2024: Deadline for CDBG Pre-Applications (applications after this date will be reviewed on a rolling basis during the program year pending funding availability).

May 15, 2024 – June 30, 2024: Applications Reviewed.

July 1, 2024: Funding year begins (funds not anticipated from HUD until September 2024 at the earliest).

August 1, 2024 – September 30, 2024: Award Letters Distributed.

June 30, 2025: Funding year ends.

Program Overview

The Town of Barnstable's Human Service grants support programs and/or interventions that focus on advancing low- and moderate-income populations toward achieving economic mobility and stability. Annually, the Town allocates fifteen percent (15%) of its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to support human services that benefit Barnstable's low- and moderate-income residents. Please note the fifteen percent cap is a federal HUD requirement. Beneficiaries must have an income at or below eighty percent (80%) of the Area Median Income or be considered "presumed eligible." According to HUD guidelines, the following groups are presumed eligible: abused children, battered spouses, severely disabled adults, homeless persons, illiterate adults, persons with AIDS, and elderly people. Allocations to agencies are based on priority needs outlined through the five-year Consolidated Planning Process (FY21 - FY25):

- Create or preserve decent, affordable housing units for rent or homeownership;
- Create or retain jobs or economic opportunities for low and moderate-income persons;
- Provide public improvements to facilities or infrastructure, and other public improvements; or
- Provide social services to low and moderate-income persons and special needs populations.

Preferences may be given to the following:

- Public services serving a limited clientele (LMC) population, including at-risk youth, the elderly, the homeless, veterans, and other vulnerable populations;
- Microenterprise or small business assistance to create or retain jobs and economic opportunities for low and moderate-income persons (LMI);
- Eligible services to support, stabilize, and revitalize the Downtown Hyannis Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA);
- Activities addressing needs reported by Barnstable County Health and Human Services, the Barnstable Human Services Committee, the Area Agency on Aging, the Cape Cod & Islands Community Health Network Area, and other entities serving low-income, vulnerable, and underserved populations;
- Activities that create, preserve, or maintain affordable housing in the Town of Barnstable, including eligible rehabilitation activities;
- Applicants that agree to and demonstrate an ability to collect/maintain income documentation when applicable; and
- Applicants that demonstrate the ability to meet timely expenditure requirements and quarterly reporting requirements per HUD regulations.

Distribution of Funds

Planning and Development staff annually issue a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for CDBG funds for the program year. Funds are awarded to nonprofit agencies through a competitive application process and are reviewed by Department staff. Staff present recommendations to the Planning and Development Director, who then makes a recommendation to the Town Manager. The Town Manager makes the final decision regarding the distribution of grant funds to applicants.

HUD Income Limits

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HUD STATE :MASSACHUSETTS		----- 2023 ADJUSTED HOME INCOME LIMITS -----							
PROGRAM	1 PERSON	2 PERSON	3 PERSON	4 PERSON	5 PERSON	6 PERSON	7 PERSON	8 PERSON	
Barnstable Town, MA MSA									
30% LIMITS	24200	27650	31100	34550	37350	40100	42850	45650	
VERY LOW INCOME	40300	46050	51800	57550	62200	66800	71400	76000	
60% LIMITS	48360	55260	62160	69060	74640	80160	85680	91200	
LOW INCOME	64450	73650	82850	92050	99450	106800	114150	121550	

For more information, please contact Elizabeth Jenkins, Planning and Development Director at elizabeth.jenkins@town.barnstable.ma.us.