

TOWN OF WARREN
FY 2021 CDBG Application – (Grant due date Sept. 10, 2021)

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA
August 26, 2021

1. INTRODUCTION: Chris Dunphy, Central MA Regional Planning Commission
2. CDBG OBJECTIVE - The Community Development Block Grant was authorized by Congress and is funded under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has designated the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) as the state's administering agency for CDBG funding. The primary objective is: "...to develop viable, urban communities by providing decent housing and suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities principally for low- and moderate-income persons." DHCD will fund eligible projects designed to meet this objective.

3. DESCRIBE THE PROPOSED PROGRAMS

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- School Street Improvements - \$732,000
Give the high costs of all needed improvements, a construction phasing plan is being proposed. This proposed Phase 1 - SSIP will upgrade infrastructure through the replacement of approximately 1,370 l.f. of water main and associated appurtenances from the intersection of Main Street to the intersection of Otis Street. In addition, approximately 2,150 square feet of insufficient retaining wall supports a portion of the road and sidewalk along and approximate 200' length of School Street. Planning and engineering studies have determined the existing wall is not salvageable and will require replacement. Previous video efforts also identified a 20-foot section of sewer pipe that is leaking requiring replacement along with the terminal sanitary sewer manhole at the north end of the project area.
- General Administrative - \$100,000
Overall grant management including technical and administrative support, committee development and support, planning, travel, advertising, training and education, file maintenance, printing, accounting, communications, supplies and material, payments, etc.

ESTIMATED TOTAL GRANT = \$835,348.50 (includes \$35,348.50 of program income funds)

6. SUPPORT OF THE PROGRAMS – Testimony, Comments, Etc.
7. BOARD OF SELECTMEN APPROVAL
Formal vote of approval and support for the proposed FY 2021 Warren CDBG.

Proposed Motion: *The town approves the submission of the proposed FY 2021 Warren grant application and their respective activities to the DHCD, and furthermore authorizes the CEO to sign required forms when prepared. The Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission will assist the town with the overall management of the grant if funded. The town of Warren is also committing \$35,348.50 of program income funds to this FY21 program using recaptured funds from previous CDBG programs.*

9. OTHER CDBG COMMENTS