

Economic & Community Development Department

CDBG First Public Hearing

2024-2025 – Program Year 50

Monday, February 12, 2024 at 5:00PM

City Hall, 111 N. Main Street, Room 1-2, Bristol, CT

CDBG Grant Committee Members present

Howard Schmelder, Chair (Zoom)

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 50, which runs from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. *(Introduction of the CDBG Grant Committee Members 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 11, 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 **13** grants: There are **10** applications totaling **\$239,589** for Public Services and 3 applications for Public Facilities (capital projects) that add up to **\$151,639**. This includes a request from the City's Department of Public Works for **\$89,139** to improve sidewalks on View Street. 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 50 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	Shepard Meadows Therapeutic Riding Shelly Pope, Executive Director Emily Escher, Program Director
2	City of Bristol Ray Rogozinski, Director of Public Works Bill Stango, Civil Engineer
5	BristolWORKS! Kim Ward Holley, Director
6	Bristol Boys & Girls Club Ashley Santos, Unit Director – Cambridge Park
7	Imagination – Bristol Boys & Girls Club Doreen Stickney Jesse Johnson Michelle Fanguillo
8	YWCA New Britain – SACS Jett Moxley
9	Grace Food Pantry Donna Baron, Executive Director
11	Bristol Housing Authority Luis Velasquez, Director of Capital Funds

Committee Chair, Howard Schmelder, closed the Public Hearing at 5:35PM