

**ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT (NAA) PROGRAM**

Public Hearing

Thursday May 2, 2024 4:50pm

Meeting Room 1-3, 111 N. Main Street and on Zoom

ATTENDEES: Mayor Caggiano, Council Member Panioto, Commissioners Hicks, Goldwasser, Mills, Schmelder, Provenzano, and Rasmussen-Tuller

ABSENT: Commissioner Verikas

STAFF PRESENT: Justin Malley- Executive Director, Dr. Dawn Leger - Grants Administrator, Dawn Nielsen-Marketing & Public Relations Specialist and Andrew Armstrong – Assistant City Planner/Dev. Coordinator for Public Works.

GUESTS:

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Schmelder called the Public Hearing to order at 4:50pm

II. Public Participation

No Public Participation

Commissioner Schmelder read into record the following:

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 this hearing.

The ECD will vote on these projects at their meeting today, May 2, 2024, immediately following this public hearing. The recommendations will then be forwarded to the City Council for approval at its May 14, 2024 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, 2024.

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.

I will read the list of applicants and project amounts for 2024 into the record:

1. Boys & Girls Club of Bristol (Energy Sustainability - \$96,300)
2. Bristol Historical Society (Energy efficiency repointing - \$150,000)
3. The Family Center, Inc./ d.b.a. ImagineNation, A Museum Early Learning Center (Imagining Healthy Futures - \$100,467.87)
4. Greater Bristol Homes Co. (West End Phase I - \$150,000)
5. Human Resources Agency of New Britain, Inc. (HRA) – (Energy Remodel for Lake Avenue Family Center - \$75,000)
6. New England Carousel Museum Inc. (Energy Conservation - \$150,000)
7. Nutmeg Symphony Orchestra (Concert Series/Educational Children's Concerts - \$64,460)
8. Prudence Crandall Center Inc. (Annual Appeal - \$150,000)
9. Prudence Crandall Center Inc. (Energy Efficiency - \$42,060)
10. Shepard Meadows Equestrian Center (Telecommunications/ Intranet/Safety & Security - \$75,000)
11. United Way of West Central CT (Neighbors in Need - \$125,000)

III. Adjournment

Commissioner Schmelder Closed the Public Hearing at 4:53pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Little
Recording Secretary