

Economic & Community Development Department

CDBG First Public Hearing

2025-2026 – Program Year 51

Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 5:00PM

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

CDBG Grant Committee Members & ECD Staff present:

Howard Schmelder, Chair

Tom Hick, Commissioner

Louise Provenzano, Commissioner

Dr. Dawn Leger, Grants Administrator

Justin Malley, ECD Executive Director

Sharon Arsego, Recording Secretary

Welcome to the second public hearing for the use of Community Development Block Grant funds for Program Year 51, which runs from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

(Introduction of the CDBG Grant Committee Members and ECD Staff).

Each year, as part of the required public process of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Bristol Economic and Community Development holds two public hearings for the purpose of receiving recommendations on community needs in Bristol. There is a 30-day public comment period that begins today and will end on June 30. Members of the public may submit comments on the City's 5-Year Consolidated Plan and the proposed allocation of funds for Year 51 by contacting the ECD at 860-584-6191 or emailing dawnleger@bristolct.gov. The public may also make comments at the City Council meeting on June 10.

This year, the ECD received requests for **15** grants: **11** applications for Public Services and **4** applications for Public Facilities (capital projects). Because of a reduction in the City's allocation, the Policy Committee decided not to fund any of the projects for Public Facilities. The Committee has recommended funding all of the applicants for Public Service grants, and the total awarded is \$80,572 or 15% of the total HUD allocation for 2025-26. These allocations were published in the Bristol Press on Tuesday, May 27 and on the City's website on Thursday, May 22.

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

1. General comments from the public.
2. Any comments from organizations that submitted applications.
3. **Is there anyone here from the public who would like to address this committee?**
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.**

There were no Grant Applicants present, and no Public Comments.

CDBG Proposed Funding for Year 51 Public Service and Facilities

Agency	Recommended Award
Bristol Boys & Girls Club - Outreach	\$10,000
Bristol Housing Authority - Komanetsky Estates	0
Bristol Works!	\$3,000
City of Bristol - Sidewalk Replacement	0
Grace Community Food Pantry	\$3,400
HRA- Case Manager	\$8,000
ImagineNation Early Childhood Center	0
New Horizon Living Centers	0
Pearl Transit	\$5,400
Prudence Crandall - Shelter services	\$7,000
Salvation Army Bristol Corps	\$9,000
Shepard Meadows Therapeutic Riding	\$4,500
St. Vincent DePaul Homeless Shelter	\$20,000
Veterans Strong Community Center	\$4,572
YWCA New Britain - SACS	\$3,000

Committee Chair, Howard Schmelder, closed the Public Hearing at 5:03PM