

PUBLIC HEARING

TOWN OF PORTSMOUTH

2013 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

The Town of Portsmouth is preparing an application for a Community Development Block Grant for an amount not to exceed \$200,000 to undertake the following activities and programs:

1 Public Facilities: Senior Center: Provide funding to repair and renovate the brick exterior siding and to install a grease trap in the kitchen. \$70,000

2 Public Facilities: Island Park Playground: Provide funding to make repairs to the playground equipment as well as the grounds. \$18,310

3 Public Facilities: Provide funding to East Bay Community Action Program to support its health and dental services that it provides to low income, uninsured and underinsured residents of Newport County at its facility in Newport's North End. \$10,000

4 Public Services: Support for Women's Resource Center for housing and community services related to domestic violence. \$5,000

5 Public Services: Provide operating support for the Community Housing Resource Board/Housing Hotline of Newport County to

provide housing counseling, referral services, and education and outreach to affirmatively further Fair Housing in Newport County. \$3,750

6 Housing Operations: Support for the Community Housing Land Trust of Rhode Island to provide education, training, technical assistance and monitoring of affordable housing units. \$3,000

7 Economic Development: Provide funding to Social Venture Partners Rhode Island (SVPRI) to expand the online micro enterprise incubator into Newport County. SVPRI will also work with Church Community Housing Corp. to develop and implement a micro enterprise loan fund. \$5,000

8 Economic Development: Provide funding to Social Venture Partners Rhode Island (SVPRI) to work with CCHC to explore the feasibility, develop a business plan and perform early stage execution of a social enterprise, possibly a mattress recycling facility. \$5,000

9 Housing Operating: Support for Church Community Housing Corp. operating the Regional Revolving Loan Fund. Foreclosure Prevention, Homeowner Assistance, RI Housing Home Repair programs, Commercial Rehabilitation, neighborhood revitalization and loan servicing. \$30,000

10 Town Administration: Administration of Grant

Programs \$10,000

Application Total: \$160,060

***New housing units and economic development are not subject to the \$200,000 limit.**

A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, March 25th, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers, 2200 East Main Road, for the purpose of obtaining citizens views and comments concerning the proposed activities and programs.

Written comments will also be accepted in the Finance Office at Town Hall prior to the public hearing.

Immediately following the Public Hearing, the Portsmouth Town Council will review, prioritize and approve the activities and programs to be included in the 2013 C.D.B.G. application.

The application will be available in the Town Clerk's Office in Town Hall for public review and comment prior to submission to the State on April 19th, 2013.

The Town Hall is handicapped accessible. Individuals requiring language interpreter or reader services for the hearing impaired (TDD) or auxiliary aids for the vision impaired must contact the Finance Director at 683-9118