



City of Newport

**REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

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**To:** Mayor Jeanne-Marie Napolitano & Members of the City Council  
**From:** Joseph J. Nicholson, Jr., Esq. City Manager  
**Date:** February 10, 2022  
**Subject:** Public Hearing - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application 20/21  
**Staff:** Patricia Reynolds, Planning and Economic Development Director

**RECOMMENDATION:**

City Administration recommends approval of a resolution authorizing the filing of the annual Community Development Block Grant Application on behalf of the City with the State of Rhode Island's Department of Administration, Office of Housing and Community Development.

**BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The City of Newport is considering the filing of its annual application for a RI Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program under the U.S. Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. This year, the 2020/21 Grant Year, will be the 43rd year the City has participated in this program. The primary purpose of the CDBG Program is the development of viable urban communities through the provision of decent housing, suitable living environments, and expanded economic activities, principally for persons of low and moderate-income.

The Application includes planned activities in the amount of \$570,000, not including funding to support CCHC' Lead-Based Paint Hazard Evaluation and Reduction Program, with an eligible administration amount to be determined.

During the course of the annual CDBG application process, the City is required to conduct two public hearings. The First Public Hearing was held virtually on February 2, 2022. The Second Public Hearing will be held at the February 23, 2022 virtual City Council Meeting.

At the regularly scheduled meeting held on February 3, 2022, the Newport Planning Board certified that it reviewed the proposed activities, been given the opportunity to comment on them, and that to the best of their knowledge, the activities "are not in conflict with the general policies set forth in the Comprehensive Plan."

A resolution approved by the City Council is a required element of the application. The wording of this resolution has been established by CDBG Program Regulations and should generally not be changed.

**PREVIOUS LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

None

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Currently Budgeted (Account \_\_\_\_\_)  Requires additional appropriation  No Fiscal Impact

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

Resolution  
Project list, Letters of Intent

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**Finance Dept. Review:** \_\_\_\_\_ Date By: \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)

THE CITY OF NEWPORT

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**RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
COUNCIL**

No. ....

Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program  
PY 2020 – 21

WHEREAS: funds are available under the Rhode Island Community Development Block Grant Program, administered by the RI Department of Administration, Division of Planning, Office of Housing and Community Development; and,

WHEREAS: the Governor of the State of Rhode Island has authorized the Director of said Department/Office to disburse such funds; and,

WHEREAS: it is in the interest of the citizens of the City of Newport that application be made to undertake a local Community Development Block Grant Program. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: by the City Council of the City of Newport that the filing of this application for the amount of up to \$570,000, to implement the activities proposed herein hereby authorized and that the City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed to file this application with the Office of Housing and Community Development, to provide any additional information or documents required by said Office, to make any assurances required in connection with this program, to execute an agreement with the State of Rhode Island and to otherwise act as the Representative of the City of Newport in all matters relating to this application and any award which may be based upon this application.

IN COUNCIL  
READ AND PASSED

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Laura C. Swistak  
City Clerk



THE CITY OF NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND  
Department of Planning and Economic Development

Three (Numbers 1 through 3) will be included in the competitive application. Number 4, Housing Rehabilitation, is a part of the public hearing process but will be applied for separately as a rolling application.

1. Public Facility: Provide funding for electrical infrastructure and upgrade the existing light fixtures to new energy efficient light fixtures at the Edward King House Senior Center.  
Amount: \$ 350,000
2. Public Services: Provide funding to support the operation of the McKinney Cooperative Shelter serving homeless individuals in Newport County.  
Amount: \$ 180,000
3. Public Services: Provide funding to support EBCAPs dental program offered to residents of Newport County.  
Amount: \$ 40,000
4. Housing Rehabilitation (Rolling): Provide funding to support CCHC's Lead-Based Paint Hazard Evaluation and Reduction Program.  
Amount: \$ TBD
5. Administration  
Amount: \$ TBD



THE CITY OF NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND  
Department of Planning and Economic Development

January 21, 2022

Rain Daugherty, CDBG Program Director  
Church Community Housing Corporation  
50 Washington Square  
Newport, RI 02840

Dear Ms. Daugherty,

The Edward King House, along with the City of Newport, is seeking your support in efforts to improve the electrical infrastructure and upgrade the existing light fixtures to new energy efficient light fixtures. Completion of this work will ensure that the electrical service is sufficient to support the new light fixtures, as well as other planned improvements. The new light fixtures will provide for energy efficiency while improving lighting in areas used for public events. This will support the healthy environment provided for the elderly population that is served at the Edward King House.

We plan to request \$350,000.00 for this work, to include an upgrade of the existing electrical service to 800 Amp, 120/208V service, installation of new panels for the existing service, and upgrade all light fixtures (78 total) to new energy efficient fixtures.

Should you have any questions, or require additional information, please feel free to contact me at [preynolds@cityofnewport.com](mailto:preynolds@cityofnewport.com); or at 401.845.5450.

Sincerely,

*Patricia G. Reynolds*

Patricia G. Reynolds, MA Arch  
Director  
Planning and Economic Development



Washington Square Services Corp.  
15 Meeting Street, Newport, RI 02840

Joseph Nicholson  
City Manager  
City Hall  
38 Broadway  
Newport, RI 02840

Dear Mr. Nicholson:

January 24, 2022

On behalf of Washington Square Services Corp, I am requesting the City of Newport make a CDBG application for the following activities:

Public Services: Provide grant funds for operating support for the McKinney Cooperative Shelter serving homeless individuals in Newport County.

Amount: \$180,000 in Total (Newport's share TBD)

Thank you for your consideration. We will be happy to assist the City in preparing the application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen P. Ostiguy". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a horizontal line.

Stephen P. Ostiguy  
President



**east bay community action program**  
THE BRIDGE TO SELF-RELIANCE

DENNIS ROY  
*Chief Executive Officer*

19 Broadway  
Newport, RI 02840

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Rain Daugherty  
CDBG Program Director  
Church Community Housing Corporation  
50 Washington Square, Newport, RI 02840

1/13/22

Dear Ms. Daugherty,

This letter is to state EBCAP's Intention to apply for CDBG funds in the amount of \$40,000 to provide essential services at its Dental Clinic at 19 Broadway, Newport. We will request funds to continue to cover the cost of operating the Clinic, specifically by covering part of the personnel costs for a Dental Assistant. As you are aware, EBCAP's Dental Clinic is one of the only, and by far the largest, sources of dental care for low-and-moderate income area residents and provides its services to patients regardless of their ability to pay. The pandemic has put great financial stress on the Dental Clinic both because it has reduced patient revenues and because it has required modifications to assure patient and staff safety. CDBG support will be critical to enabling this service to continue in the community.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions about EBCAP's application.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:  
*Jim Dealy*  
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Jim Dealy  
Grants Writer



# Church Community Housing Corporation

*Working for decent housing for families of low  
And moderate income in Newport County*

January 25, 2022

Mrs. Patricia Reynolds  
Planning Director  
43 Broadway  
Newport, Rhode Island 02840

Dear Mrs. Reynolds:

On behalf of CCHC, I am writing to indicate our intention to apply for CDBG funding for the following activity in the 2020 grant year.

1) Housing Rehabilitation Funds: Church Community Housing Corp. to provide a new forgivable rehab loan program limited to lead abatement. This new program would complement the existing revolving rehab loan program that CCHC administers for the City; however, these funds are being applied for by CCHC, as a sub-recipient. The hope is that more property owners will apply for these funds because the eventual loan forgiveness amounts to, in-effect, a lead abatement grant.

Amount: To be determined

Please call me at 846-5114 x115 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Christian Belden  
Executive Director

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