

**TOWNS OF WARE & HARDWICK**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

**Request For Proposals For Social and Public Service Programs**

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The Towns of Ware & Hardwick are seeking proposals from qualified public social service organizations that are in need of funding assistance in order to provide needed services to area residents. Proposals may be included as part of single-community and/or regional grant applications through the FY 2021 Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development's Block Grant Program (CDBG). The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC), on behalf of all three communities, will accept proposals for activities that are designed to benefit residents of Ware & Hardwick, or any combination thereof. Eligible activities include a wide range of social services that address priority needs which are identified in each town's Community Development Strategy and by each town's Community Action Agency. Any proposed project or activity must also primarily benefit low to moderate income residents of the town(s) in which the program serves.

The Towns may choose to fund all, any or none of the proposals submitted and may choose to partially fund activities. Agencies or organizations identified for inclusion in any of the grant proposals will be required to submit additional information as part of the full CDBG application to be submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) by Friday, September 10, 2021. Programs funded by the Mass. DHCD are anticipated to begin in the spring of 2022. The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) is assisting these communities in the coordination and administration of their community development programs. For more information, to request a copy of the full RFP, or to receive copies of the Community Development Strategies, please contact PVPC Deputy Director of Community Development, Ted Harvey, at (413) 781-6045 or e-mail [tharvey@pvpc.org](mailto:tharvey@pvpc.org).

**All proposals must be submitted to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, 60 Congress Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Springfield, MA 01104-3419 by 3:00 P.M., Thursday, August 5, 2021.**

