

TO: The Honorable Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Arosha Jayawickrema, Town Manager

DATE: May 3, 2021

SUBJECT: Scheduling a Public Hearing for a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Application

Summary of Agenda Item:

The Town is considering submitting a Connecticut Small Cities Program Community Development Block Grant application to assist the Berlin Housing Authority with infrastructure improvements in support of its effort to build 50 affordable senior housing units on the former Knights of Columbus property on Percival Avenue. Pursuant to this application, the Town needs to set a public hearing to consider this proposed application and other community development needs of the community.

Maximum Connecticut Small Cities Program Community Development Block Grant award limits are \$1,500,000.00 for Public Housing Modernization and \$1,000,000.00 for Infrastructure projects in support of Affordable Housing Projects.

Major Connecticut Small Cities Program Community Development Block Grant activity categories are: Acquisition, Housing Rehabilitation, Public Housing Modernization, Community Facilities, Public Services, and Economic Development. Projects funded with CDBG allocations must carry out at least one of three National Objectives: benefit to low- and moderate-income persons, elimination of slums and blight, or meeting urgent community development needs.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to obtain citizen's views on the Town's community development and housing needs and review and discuss specific project activities in the areas of housing, economic development or community facilities which could be part of the Town's new Application for funding for the year 2021.

The Public Hearing will be to give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known on the program, review past grants and discuss the Program Income Reuse Plan.

The Town of Berlin anticipates applying for the maximum grant amount of \$1,000,000.00 to provide the Infrastructure to support the development of affordable housing benefiting low-moderate income persons.

Staff requests that the Berlin Town Council schedule a Public Hearing by on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. to discuss the Fiscal Year 2021 Community Development Block Grant program proposed for the Knights of Columbus Housing Project and to solicit citizen input.

Action Needed:

Move to a schedule a Public Hearing by the Berlin Town Council on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. to discuss the Fiscal Year 2021 Community Development Block Grant program proposed for the Knights of Columbus Housing Project and to solicit citizen input.

Attachments:

None

Prepared By:

Jim Mahoney, Economic Development Coordinator

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Berlin will conduct a Public Hearing by the Berlin Town Council on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. The Public Hearing will be held via ZOOM videoconference and conference call to discuss the Fiscal Year 2021 Community Development Block Grant program proposed for the Knights of Columbus Housing Project and to solicit citizen input.

The public can access this Public Hearing via ZOOM as follows:

Join the Zoom videoconference Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86230165017?pwd=cDc4M0JmREExRnVxTkhtbDZhVksxXZz09>

DIAL IN using your telephone:

(929) 205- 6099

Meeting ID: 862 3016 5017

Passcode: 692922

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The Town of Berlin promotes fair housing and makes all programs available to low- and moderate-income households regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, learning disability or physical/mental disability, or sexual orientation.

If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to Maryssa Tsolis, Purchasing Agent, 240 Kensington Road, Berlin, CT 06037. You may also direct written comments via electronic mail message to the Purchasing Agent at mtsolis@town.berlin.ct.us or you may telephone the Purchasing Agent at 860-828-7048. The PUBLIC HEARING will also review and discuss the Town's prior Small Cities projects.

"All are encouraged to attend. The ZOOM Public Hearing. Any persons requiring special assistance or non-English speaking persons should contact Christi Sullivan, Administrative Assistant, Berlin Town Manager's Office at 860-828-7003 at least five days prior to the hearing"

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