



## NEWS RELEASE

# Community Development Grant Applicants Invited

*Early Meetings Offered to Ease Application Process, Which Closes in January*

**FREDERICK, MD – Aug. 3, 2018:** The City of Frederick Department of Planning/Community Development Division will begin taking pre-application meetings with interested applicants to discuss projects and activities eligible for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. The purpose of the meeting will be to give applicants substantial time to prepare their scope of work, determine project costs and obtain all other necessary supporting documentation in order to submit their application for the upcoming Annual Action Plan year.

Program Administrator Eileen Barnhard will meet with the prospective applicants to review the eligibility for CDBG funding. The 2019 Annual Action Plan process will officially start Nov. 1, 2018, and the Department of Community Development will accept project proposals for its 2019 Annual Action Plan until Jan. 9, 2019.

The Annual Action Plan is an element of the Consolidated Plan prepared pursuant to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations. The 2019 Community Development Block Grant is estimated to be approximately \$350,000, in addition to an estimated \$10,000 in program income.

### **Deadline for applications is 12 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2019.**

Eligible organizations wishing to propose a project to be funded with CDBG funds should contact Barnhard, at 301-600-2842, to schedule a pre-application meeting.

To meet the stated goals and objectives of the 2015- 2019 Consolidated Plan, the City is soliciting projects and activities for affordable housing, homeless strategy, and community development. Applications that identify and address these goals with specific outcomes will receive a higher score for funding recommendation.

Projects and activities (excluding public services) will be awarded as a deferred loan with a required 10 percent cash contribution.

All proposed activities must meet the CDBG program national objectives of benefiting low and moderate-income persons, eliminating slum or blight, or meeting urgent community needs.

Additional CDBG information is available on the City of Frederick's website at <http://www.cityoffrederick.com/230/Community-Development>.

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