

2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
CITY OF WAUSAU, WISCONSIN

INFORMATION SHEET

I LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, originally authorized by the Congress of the United States under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 was re-authorized under the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990. The Block Grant is administered by the City of Wausau in accordance with federal regulations, 24 CFR 570, (Title 24, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 570) dated September 1988. These regulations can be found in the Federal Code, Federal Register or the Community Development Department, City Hall, 407 Grant Street, Wausau, Wisconsin.

The Federal Agency administering the Community Development Block Grant Program is the Office of Community Planning and Development, U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). For agency information, contact:

H.U.D.
Milwaukee Area Office
Henry S Reuss Federal Plaza Suite 950
310 West Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53203
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II CDBG PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The primary purpose of the Housing and Community Development Act is development of viable communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities principally for low and moderate income persons. Each activity carried out with CDBG funds must meet one of the three broad National Objectives:

- *Benefit low and moderate income persons.
- *Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums and blight.
- *Meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious or immediate threat to health.

III WAUSAU'S PAST PROGRAM

The City of Wausau has participated in the Community Development Block Grant Program since 1976 and over that period of time funds have been invested in a variety of local activities, including economic development, public works improvements, public services and housing rehabilitation projects. Wausau's 2020 Entitlement allocation from HUD was \$631,717. The estimated funding for 2021 is uncertain at this time but anticipated to be approximately consistent with 2020. Congressional appropriations action will determine any increase or decrease from the program's past funding levels. For planning purposes, a 3% decrease will be utilized.

IV ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

A variety of activities or projects may be undertaken with CDBG funding. Proposed activities must meet one of the three broad National Objectives listed above and also be "eligible" under Part 570, Sections 201-206 of the Federal Regulations. Examples of eligible activities include: property acquisition, construction of public facilities, clearance and demolition activities, parking facilities, special economic development assistance, public services, commercial and housing rehabilitation, planning and program administration and redevelopment and relocation.

V INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Projects that cannot be carried out using CDBG funds include: construction or rehabilitation of buildings (or portions thereof) used predominantly for the general conduct of government, general government expenses, political activities, purchase of equipment and operating and maintenance expenses in connection with public facilities.

VI PROPOSALS

Individuals and organizations seeking CDBG assistance should submit a written proposal to the Community Development Department explaining their project or idea. Proposal materials are available from the Community Development Department and staff is available to provide technical assistance upon request.

PROPOSED PROCESS AND TENTATIVE TIMETABLE

The types and timing of meetings are designed by requirements imposed through local and federal standards. Dates and times are subject to change. The following is a tentative CDBG schedule:

Ongoing - Due to Covid only phone calls/ e-mails for information 715-261-6682 or Tammy.stratz@ci.wausau.wi.us	Community Development Department Information Session - general discussion on CDBG program and Consolidated Plan
November 18, 2020 4:30 P.M. City Hall Council Chambers 1st Floor Or via WebEx	Citizen Advisory Committee: Public Hearing on City's Community Development needs, Consolidated Plan, Community Development performance And receipt of proposals.
November 23, 2020 4:30 P.M. City Hall Council Chambers 1 st Floor Or via WebEx	Citizen Advisory Committee: Public Hearing on City's Community Development needs, Consolidated Plan, Community development performance And receipt of proposals.
December 9, 2020 4:30 P.M. City Hall Council Chambers 1 st Floor Or via WebEx	Citizen Advisory Committee: Develop proposed 2021 program Working Session
To Be Determined, 2021** Council Chambers, City Hall	Finance Committee
To Be Determined, 2021** 7:00 P.M. City Hall Council Chambers	Council approval
To Be Determined, 2021**	Publish proposed Block Grant Activities

** These dates will be finalized once actual funding amounts are received from HUD as the Plan cannot be submitted to HUD until final allocations have been released.

INFORMATION CONTACT

For information regarding the Community Development Block Grant Program, the procedures or schedule, please contact:

Community Development Department
407 Grant Street
Wausau, WI 54403
Telephone: (715) 261-6680

Or go to our website at:

<http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/CommunityDevelopment/CommunityDevelopment/CommunityDevelopmentBlockGrantOverview.aspx>