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TOWN OF WEBSTER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Webster Office of Community Development (OCD) will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 15, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. on behalf of the Board of Selectmen. The hearing's purpose is to discuss a proposed application to the Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, to report on the progress of current CDBG grants, and to discuss local community development and housing needs and issues. Under a proposed FY 2019 Mini-Entitlement Program grant, the Town may request up to \$825,000. It is considering the following activities for funding within the Town's designated Webster Center Target Area or town-wide: continued development of the Riverwalk in the downtown; planning to update the expiring Webster Center Slums and Blight Inventory; acquisition of easements; housing rehabilitation assistance to income-qualifying homeowners; reconstruction of streets, sidewalks, and associated infrastructure; funding for a code enforcement officer; public social services funding; and/or other activities not yet identified. The grant application may include any of these activities, as well as additional ones.

In compliance with public hearing requirements, this hearing will provide the public with updates on the progress of the Town's FY 2017 and FY 2018 CDBG grants. It will also include a discussion of unmet housing and community development needs.

The hearing will be held in the Flex Meeting Room at the Gladys E. Kelly Library, 2 Lake Street. Any person or organization so wishing will be afforded an opportunity to be heard. Suggestions for other activities may be made at the hearing or in writing to the OCD before the hearing. The Town encourages a broad spectrum of participation by residents and other interested parties in order to better understand and serve the needs of the community. The hearing location is accessible to persons with physical disabilities. If you require a translator, an accommodation for a hearing impairment or other accommodation, contact the OCD no later than Tuesday, January 8, at the Town Hall, by calling 508.949.3800, ext. 4004, or via email at ccvr@webster-ma.gov.

Andrew M. Jolda, Chairman Board of Selectmen