

Public Hearings Notice
County of Cheshire
Community Development Block Grant

The Cheshire County Commissioners will hold 3 public hearings on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. Pursuant to Emergency Order #12, issued by the Governor of the State of New Hampshire and Executive Order 2020-04, the public hearings will be conducted electronically via the web-based platform Zoom. Members of the public can use the Zoom call-in number at +1 (646) 558-8656 or by joining online at www.zoom.us/join and using the Meeting ID: 409 748 8803 and Pin: 6031233 to participate.

****UPDATE: As the COVID-19 State of Emergency has expired, the meeting will be held both on-line via the Zoom with the information provided above and in Delegation Hall, with social distancing being observed. Attendees will be provided masks and hand sanitizer, and remote attendance is strongly encouraged****

The first public hearing is to discuss an application to the NH Community Development Finance Authority for Community Development Block Grant and CDBG Coronavirus (CV) funds. CDBG funds are awarded on a competitive basis in New Hampshire for projects which have primary benefit to low- and moderate-income individuals. A municipality can apply for up to \$500,000 in CDBG funds per year in each of the following project categories: housing, public facilities, economic development, and microenterprise technical assistance. Municipalities can also apply for up to \$500,000 in emergency grant funds, and \$25,000 for feasibility studies annually. As a result of state appropriations from the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020, additional CDBG-CV funds are being made available for projects that prepare for, respond to or recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Municipalities can apply for up to \$500,000 of these CDBG-CV funds.

The proposal to be considered by the Commissioners is a CDBG application to be submitted by Cheshire County on behalf of Hundred Nights, Inc. in an amount up to \$500,000. The funds, less administrative costs, will be sub-granted to Hundred Nights for the purpose of constructing an emergency shelter and resource center at 122-124 Water Street, Keene, NH 03431. This public hearing has been scheduled to provide specific information regarding the proposal and grant requirements. A second public hearing will be held to adopt the Relocation and Anti-Displacement Plan specific to this project. A third public hearing will be held to hear public comment and re-adopt Cheshire County's Housing and Community Development Plan.

Those interested are invited to attend and comment. Please contact the Cheshire County Commissioner's Office, (603) 352-8215 or via Relay NH at 1-800-735-2964, in advance if you have a disability or need assistance in attending or participating in the hearings. Anyone wishing to submit written comments prior to the hearings should address them to the Cheshire County Commissioners, 12 Court Street, Keene, NH 03431 or email rbouchard@co.cheshire.nh.us.