

Public Hearings Notice  
County of Cheshire  
Community Development Block Grants

The Cheshire County Commissioners will hold 3 public hearings on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. Pursuant to Emergency Order #12, issued by the Governor of the State of New Hampshire pursuant to 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](http://www.zoom.us/join) and using the Meeting ID: 409 748 8803 to participate.

The purpose of the first public hearing is to discuss and hear public comment on the MEDC/Compass Innovative Behavior Strategies Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project currently underway. This project is funded through a federal Community Development Block Grant awarded to the County of Cheshire.

The second public hearing is to discuss an application to the NH Community Development Finance Authority for Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds. CDBG funds are awarded on a competitive basis in New Hampshire and may be used for housing, public facilities, economic development, and microenterprise 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 passed in March of 2020, an additional \$3.7 million in CDBG-CV funds are being made available for projects which provide public services in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Municipalities can apply for up to \$500,000 of these new CARES Act public services funds.

The proposal to be considered by the Commissioners is a CDBG application to be submitted by Cheshire County on behalf 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 leasing space for additional shelter bed capacity at 15 King Court, Keene, NH 03431 along with associated staff, transportation, and personal protective equipment costs. This public hearing has been scheduled to provide specific information regarding the proposal and grant requirements. A third public hearing will be held to adopt the Relocation and Anti-Displacement Plan specific to this project.

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](mailto:rbouchard@co.cheshire.nh.us).