

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Bethel will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room A, located at 1 School Street, Bethel CT to discuss its 2015 Small Cities Program Application and to solicit citizen input.

Maximum award limits are \$700,000 for Public Facilities, \$700,000 for Public Housing Modernization of 25 units or less, or \$800,000 for 26 units and over; \$500,000 for Infrastructure; \$400,000 for Housing Rehabilitation Program for single towns, \$500,000 for two-town consortium, and \$600,000 for three or more Towns; \$25,000 for Planning Only Grants; \$500,000 for Economic Development Activities, and \$500,000 for Urgent Need.

Major activity categories are: Acquisition, Housing Rehabilitation, Public Housing Modernization, Community Facilities, Public Services, and Economic Development. Projects funded with CDBG allocations must meet at least one of three National Objectives: 1) benefit to low and moderate income persons, 2) elimination of slums and blight, or 3) meeting urgent community development needs. Only one (1) project Application may be submitted to DOH.

The Town is proposing to submit an Application under the Public Housing Modernization category for ADA Renovations and Improvements to Reynolds Ridge Senior Housing and Disabled Complex. The Town of Bethel anticipates applying for up to the maximum grant amount of \$800,000.

The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain citizens' views on the Town's community development and housing needs and review and discuss specific project activities in the areas of housing, economic development or community facilities which could be a part of the Town's Application for funding. The hearing will also review and discuss the Town's prior Small Cities projects including any currently open or underway.

The public hearing will give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known on the program and review and discussion of the Program Income Reuse Plan. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the Town of Bethel, 1 School Street, Bethel, CT 06801 or you may telephone Ms. Phyllis D. Kansky, Human Resource Manager at 203-794-8148. In addition, information may be obtained at the above address between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm weekdays.

The Town of Bethel promotes fair housing and makes all programs available to low- and moderate-income families, and will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, mental retardation, mental disability, physical disability or handicap.

"All are encouraged to attend. The hearing is accessible to the handicapped. Any disabled persons requiring special assistance or non-English speaking persons should contact Gary Boughton, ADA Coordinator at 203-794-8517 at least five days prior to the hearing."

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