

The City of Springfield's Office of Community Development is seeking proposals for inclusion in its Second Year Action Plan, 2021-2022. The 2021-2022 Program Year will run from July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022. Successful proposals must meet the guidelines articulated in the RFP.

The RFP's will be available beginning May 3, 2021 through May 28, 2021 at <https://www.springfield-ma.gov/planning/index.php?id=community-development>. If you are unable to get the RFP electronically, please contact Lori Santaniello at 413-750-2241.

The City of Springfield's Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) is designed to expand opportunities for low and moderate income citizens through the provision of public services, acquisition, improvements to public facilities, neighborhood improvements, housing and economic development opportunities.

Proposals must be consistent with the HUD Consolidated Plan, CDBG requirements, City Code, and other City policies. This RFP is an open, competitive process to award available resources based upon satisfaction of the described criteria. Submission of a proposal does not guarantee funding. The City may choose not to allocate all available resources. All applicants must be current on all Federal, State, and City taxes, as well as all City fees.

The City of Springfield invites proposals from Public Service Organizations who provide programs for a specific group of people where at least 51% of whom are L/M income persons. The clientele served must be from the City of Springfield.

The proposal must be complete and include information regarding the organization name, program name, location of the program, detailed scope of service/activity description, a complete budget and must meet the HUD National Objective to benefit low and moderate income persons; persons who earn at or below 80% of the median income and /or reside in census tracts with at least 51% of the population at low and moderate income levels.

Activities that are eligible for funding include, but are not limited to:

- Youth Services;
- Elderly Services;
- Health Services;
- Adult Basic Ed (ABE);
- General Education Development (GED);
- Homelessness-prevention programming for Homeless Persons and Persons at Risk of becoming Homeless;
- Job training and Placement; programs that focus on hard to serve population; individuals who are out of the educational system and or workforce;
- Fund supportive services that reduce risk of the "cliff effect";
- Substance abuse services; including counseling, treatment and mental health;
- Domestic violence;
- Crime Prevention and Public Safety;
- Foreclosure Prevention;
- Fair Housing Counseling;

- Services for Disabled Persons;

All Public Service agencies are encouraged to submit a completed RFP. Extra points will be given to proposals for those programs who focus on Job Training and Placement with preference given to programs that focus on hard to serve population; and for programs that fund Supportive Services that reduce barriers for low to moderate income households seeking employment, reducing the risk of the “cliff effect”.

Proposals will be reviewed by a review committee made up of City of Springfield staff and evaluated on a scale of 1-100 points in three categories; Organizational Experience & Performance, Program Need & Importance and Financial Feasibility. The selection process is expected to be completed by June 18, 2021 and funds will be made available for programs to begin July 1, 2021. The programs will run from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

All potential applicants are encouraged to review the entire RFP before completing.

Agencies must follow CDC guidelines. All applicants will be required to submit as part of the RFP, their organizational guidelines on their reopening plans. How they will reopen safely and follow CDC guidelines regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic.