

TOWN OF LENOX
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COVID-19
(CDBG-CV)
PUBLIC HEARING

The Lenox Board of Selectmen and/or a designated hearing officer (Town Planner) will conduct a public hearing to discuss the proposed regional application for funding to the MA Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 (CDBG-CV) program, appropriated through the *CARES Act of 2020* and awarded to the MA Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD) by HUD via amendment to the existing DHCD CDBG FY2019 One Year Action Plan. Under the proposed application, the Town of Lenox will serve as the lead community. The hearing will be held on **Thursday, May 28 at 6:00 PM via Zoom**: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81246726803> (see www.townoflenox.com for access details).

The hearing is being held to solicit public input on the specific contents of the regional application for up to \$850,000 in CDBG-CV funds, serving the communities of: Lenox, Lee, Richmond, Washington, Becket, Stockbridge, West Stockbridge, Alford, Tyringham, Otis, Sandisfield, Monterey, New Marlborough, Great Barrington, Egremont, Sheffield, Mount Washington. The Town, working with Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, is applying for grant funding to assist microenterprises who qualify under the Low-Moderate Income (LMI) Limited Clientele national objective criteria.

Under the proposed program, the term “microenterprise” means a commercial enterprise that has five (5) or fewer employees, one or more of whom owns the enterprise. Up to \$10,000 per business may be provided through the program to qualifying businesses adversely impacted by COVID-19.

Any person or organization having questions or comments concerning the Block Grant program, the regional application under the CDBG-CV, or the proposed activity may submit written comments to the Lenox Land Use Department, 6 Walker Street, Lenox, Massachusetts 01240, via the drop box in at the Police Department, or via email: gmler@townoflenox.com. All comments received by Friday, June 5, 2020 will be considered by the Town of Lenox prior to authorizing the submission of the application for CDBG-CV funds. All comments received after that date will be considered in the implementation of the regional program, should funding be received.

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