City of Gardner  
FY2020  
Community Development Block Grant  
Public Hearing Notice

As part of the development of the FY 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application, the City, acting through its Department of Community Development and Planning, will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 18th, 2020 at 9:00 AM. The hearing will be held in the Manca Annex, Robert L. Hubbard Conference Room, 115 Pleasant Street, Room 203, Gardner, MA. The purpose of the hearing is to solicit public input regarding proposed projects related to the City’s FY2020 Community Development Block Grant Application. In general, CDBG eligible projects must benefit low-to-moderate-income individuals or address slum and blight. The City will be applying for an amount currently estimated to be $825,000.

Eligible uses of CDBG funding include, but are not limited to:
- Land and building acquisition and disposition
- Public facility improvements such as parks and streets
- Clearance and demolition activities
- Public services
- Removal of architectural barriers (handicapped accessibility)
- Code enforcement
- Historic preservation
- Planning and program administration
- Building and housing rehabilitation

The project area will be in the previously identified downtown target area, from Crystal Lake in the North to Route 2 in the South, and is inclusive of the approximate area between Nichols Street and Derby Drive, and the approximate area between Sherman Street and Chestnut Street, including all of Main Street and the approximate area of the intersection of Union Square and Pearson Boulevard. (A map of the CDBG Target Area and proposed projects can be viewed in Room 202 of the City Hall Manca Annex.) The application will include activities related to Public Facilities/Infrastructure – Streets & Sidewalks, Public Facilities/Infrastructure – Design, and Public Social Services – Program Costs and Delivery.

Questions or comments regarding the use of CDBG funding may be sent by e-mail to ilegros@gardner-ma.gov or mailed to Jeffrey Legros, Assistant Director, Manca Annex, 115 Pleasant Street, Room 202, Gardner, MA 01440. All comments received by the close of the public hearing will be considered by the City of Gardner.

The Manca Annex is accessible to handicapped persons. Translation into other languages or for the hearing impaired is available upon prior request; minimum of three days notice. For more information please contact Jeffrey Legros, Assistant Director at 978-630-4011, ext. 1.