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**Gary Christenson, Mayor**

March 15, 2019

The Honorable Malden City Council  
110 Pleasant Street  
Malden, MA 02148

Dear Members of the Council:

I submit for your review and consideration our proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) budget. This year's budget addresses the most pressing challenges facing our low-and-moderate-income population and ensures that Malden remains an inclusive and accessible community for all residents.

As you know, CDBG, a federal program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), provides funding for communities to meet the needs of their low-and-moderate-income residents and address the causes and consequences of poverty. This budget which is estimated to be \$1.3M makes targeted investments in new and returning programs that will directly help Malden's most vulnerable.

Our public services proposal includes homelessness prevention programs, food assistance and utility assistance programs, and programs that help our youth, our elderly, and our immigrant neighbors. This budget also includes \$632,860 for our parks and public facilities, with an emphasis on making our City more accessible to everyone. ADA projects include the Beebe School and Ferryway Tot Lots and new funding for the citywide ADA sidewalks project already underway. We have also included funding for ADA and pedestrian safety improvements at Mt. Vernon Street, and seek an additional \$50,000 for the Green St./ MacArthur Park project that was put on hold last year due to code issues that needed to be addressed.

The deadline for submitting an approved CDBG budget to HUD is May 15<sup>th</sup>. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions about the proposal. In the meantime, thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

**GARY CHRISTENSON**  
Mayor, City of Malden

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