



Malden, Massachusetts

Date: April 25, 2024

His Honor the Mayor has approved Paper # 176 Series of 2024

Below is a true attest copy of same:

Order: The City of Malden file with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development a Consolidated Plan including applications for grants under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended and the Cranston-Gonzalez Housing Act of 1990 as amended to be administered by the Office of Strategic Planning & Community Development for fiscal year 2024, including all understanding and assurances contained therein on or substantially in the form presented to this meeting; and that Gary Christenson, Mayor and Chief Executive Officer of the City of Malden, be and hereby is directed and designated as the authorized representative for and in the name and behalf of the City of Malden to sign and file said plan, to act in connection with said plan, and to provide such additional information as may be required.

Sponsored by Carey McDonald

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Adopted as amended, by the City Council, by seven (7) yea and zero (0) nay votes, the City Council consisting of eleven members at their April 23, 2024 meeting.

Approved, April 25, 2024 by His Honor, Mayor Gary J. Christenson

Attest:

City Clerk Carol Ann T. Desiderio

Council President Stephen P. Winslow

Mayor Gary J. Christenson



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Gary Christenson, Mayor

April 4, 2024

The Malden City Council
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

Dear Members of the City Council:

I submit for your review and consideration our proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) budget. As the City prepares for looming financial pressures, this budget continues to make prudent investments in projects, programs, and services that will support our low-and-moderate-income population through the next fiscal year.

This budget illustrates the impact of CDBG on our community. The housing rehabilitation program makes homes and apartments safer and more livable for lower-income residents, and leverages funds from other federal grant programs to expand the impact of every dollar. The public services program expands the impact of our nonprofit organizations working on housing, youth services, elder services, and English language learning. CDBG-supported physical improvements include upgrades to the tot lot at MacArthur Park, additional funds to complete the FitzGerald Park expansion, and our long-term commitment to ADA-accessible pedestrian infrastructure, which, for the first time, will now include upgrades to key bus stops throughout the City. The budget also covers our repayment obligations under previous Section 108 loans, which have allowed us to expand the impact of our program. Finally, this budget funds the continued administration of the CDBG program by the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD), who continues to effectively lead this program for the City.

As in previous years, Congressional deliberations on the CDBG budget extended beyond a typical calendar. Therefore, this budget assumes a 4.4% decrease in CDBG entitlement funding and includes our contingency plan on how funds will be spent if funds come in higher or lower than that figure. If we receive updated figures from HUD prior to the Council's final action, we may submit an updated budget responding to the latest available information.

The deadline for submitting an approved CDBG budget to HUD is May 15th. 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