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Gary Christenson, Mayor

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The Malden City Council
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

To the Honorable City Council:

I respectfully submit for your review and consideration the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) budget.

In light of the City's challenging fiscal environment, CDBG funding remains essential to sustaining critical public services and advancing key capital improvements that strengthen Malden's resilience. The proposed budget maintains support for vital programs serving youth, seniors, immigrants, and residents experiencing housing insecurity and homelessness. It also continues the City's housing rehabilitation program, which provides affordable solutions for lower-income homeowners addressing health and safety concerns.

In addition, the budget includes funding for physical improvements, such as upgrades to the skatepark, enhancements to the Linden Park playground, and citywide ADA pedestrian improvements, including sidewalks, crosswalks, and traffic signals. As previously discussed, CDBG funds are also anticipated to support required payments on the Section 108 loan for the next phase of the Malden River Works project, including construction of a new boathouse and salt shed. These initiatives would not be possible without CDBG funding, which supports both direct project costs and program administration.

The deadline to submit an approved budget to HUD is May 15th. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding this proposal. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

GARY CHRISTENSON
Mayor, City of Malden