

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



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CDBG Public Service Agency Grants Available

PORTSMOUTH, NH – The Portsmouth Community Development Department is now accepting applications for the FY 2018 Public Service Agency Grant program. The funding for this program is provided by a Community Development Block Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This is a competitive grant program that makes grants of up to \$10,000 to non-profit public service agencies that serve Portsmouth individuals and families who earn very low, low or moderate-incomes. Funds may be used for operating expenses during the program year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

Eligible agencies must have a 501(c)(3) tax exemption status and over 51% of their clients must earn very low, low, or moderate incomes as defined by U.S. Housing and Urban Development. Eligible grant expenses include the cost of labor, supplies, and/or materials required for the provision of services to agency clientele. Agencies that have received funding in the previous year, must also be able to demonstrate that they can either increase the number of clients they assist or the services they provide in the coming year. The deadline for submission of applications to the City of Portsmouth Community Development Department is 1:00 p.m. on Friday, February 17, 2017. In order to be considered for funding, applications must be received by that date and time.

To request an application, or to obtain more information about the CDBG Public Service Agency Grant Program, please call Elise Annunziata, Community Development Coordinator, in the Portsmouth Community Development Department at (603) 610-7281.

The City of Portsmouth announces the FY 2018



Portsmouth CDBG Public Service Agency Grant Program

Program Description

Operating funds for non-profit public service agencies that assist Portsmouth individuals or families who earn very low, low or moderate incomes (as defined by U.S. Housing and Urban Development) are available through this program.

Eligible Agencies

Agencies must have a 501(c)(3) tax exemption status and over 51% of their clients must earn very low, low or moderate incomes. If an agency received CDBG funds in a previous fiscal year, the agency must be able to either increase the number of clients to be assisted or the services to be provided in the coming fiscal year. Agencies must have a place of business in Portsmouth, unless the program or service for which funding is sought is not currently available to Portsmouth residents who earn very low, low or moderate incomes. Only one application per agency will be accepted.

Eligible Expenses

The cost of labor, supplies, and/or materials required for the provision of services to agency clientele are eligible expenses. Grant funds may not be used for political activities or payments to individuals or families for food, clothing, rent, or utilities.

Project Beneficiaries

At least 51% of the individuals and/or families assisted by the program funded must earn very low, low or moderate incomes.

Grants Available

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available to eligible agencies

Application Process

Interested agencies are encouraged to contact Elise Annunziata, Community Development Coordinator, to discuss their proposal and request an application. Applications must be submitted to the Portsmouth Community Development Department by **1:00 p.m. on Friday February 17, 2017**.

This is a competitive grant process. All applications are reviewed by the Citizens Advisory Committee, which makes funding recommendations. Organizations awarded grants receive reimbursement for approved expenses incurred between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018.

For more information

Contact Elise Annunziata, at 610-7281 at the Community Development Department, Portsmouth City Hall, 1 Junkins Avenue, Portsmouth, NH, 03801.

The CDBG Public Service Agency Grant Program is administered by the City's Community Development Department and financed by a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) provided by U.S. Housing and Urban Development.