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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF
PUBLIC HEARING and RFP
City of Lawrence**

**FY11 Consolidated Plan and COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) and
HOME Programs**

The City of Lawrence, through its Community Development Department, will conduct Public Hearings and a Workshop regarding the development of the Consolidated Plan and the use of approximately \$2.5 million in Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME grant funds available on or about July 1, 2010.

The City of Lawrence is in the process of developing a new five-year Consolidated Plan that will establish community goals and guide resource allocations. The Consolidated Plan is a document required by the US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). The Plan will cover the period 2010-2014. The Consolidated Plan serves as (1) a planning document ...which builds on a participatory process...; (2) a submission for Federal funds...; (3) a strategy to be followed in carrying out HUD programs; and (4) a management tool for assessing performance and tracking results.

The Community Development Department will host the meetings, whose primary objective is to solicit public participation in determining the needs of the city, and to allow public input on the decision making process regarding the use of Federal funds.

The City is soliciting proposals for Fiscal Year 11 CDBG funding. The December 8, 2009 Public Hearing will review the accomplishments of programs and projects receiving funding in the previous year, solicit ideas and recommendations for priorities in the new Consolidated Plan, and provide information on the CDBG funding for the upcoming year. The CDBG Workshop will explain the application process of for FY2011 CDBG funding. The hearings and workshops are fully accessible and open to all.

Individuals requiring Spanish translation or American Sign interpreters are asked to contact the office at (978) 620-3510 in advance of the meetings. Technical assistance in preparing your proposals will be available upon request.

Application materials will be available on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at the Community Development Department, 147 Haverhill Street, Lawrence, MA 01840 and at the Public Hearing on Tuesday December 8, 2009 at the Public Library, 51 Lawrence Street, Lawrence, MA between the hours of 5:30-8:00 p.m. Electronic copies are available by request to AGil@cityoflawrence.com.

Completed applications must be received at the City of Lawrence Community Development Department **no later than Monday, February 8, 2010 by 3:00 p.m.** Below is the schedule of 3 meetings related to the RFP process.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tuesday, December 8, 2009 5:30-8:00 p.m.	Public Hearing	Public Library 51 Lawrence Street
Thursday, January 21, 2010, 6-7:30 p.m.	CDBG Workshop	Heritage State Park One Jackson Street
Thursday, February 18, 2010, 5-8:00 p.m.	Public Hearing Presentations by Applicants	Public Library 51 Lawrence Street

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