

Public Hearing Notice

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Community Development Block Grant Project
March 4, 2025
3:00 PM
3855 Dartmouth College Highway
North Haverhill, NH 03774

Grafton County will hold three consecutive public hearings on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 3:00 PM at 3855 Dartmouth College Hwy #1 in North Haverhill, NH. This meeting is also available by video link or phone. For remote access, please visit www.co.grafton.nh.us.

- 1) The first public hearing seeks public input on the 2023-25 CDBG Microenterprise Program, including a project status report, expected timeline to completion, project results to date, and a budget summary. The CDBG funds were sub-granted to multiple entities, including Belknap Economic Development Council (BEDC), Coos Economic Development Corporation (CEDC), Grafton Regional Development Corporation (GRDC), Wentworth Economic Development Corporation (WEDCO), and Women's Rural Entrepreneurial Network (WREN), to provide training and technical assistance, direct grants, loans and downpayment assistance to low- and moderate-income microenterprises.
- 2) The second public hearing requests public input on a proposed Microenterprise grant application to be submitted by Grafton County for up to \$750,000 in CDBG funds. A portion of the funds will be sub-granted to multiple community-economic-development organizations, for the purpose of providing training and technical assistance, direct grant, down payment assistance, loans and other forms of support to qualifying low- and moderate-income microenterprises. Up to \$500,000 annually is available to eligible Municipalities/Counties on a competitive basis for housing/public facilities, economic development, and emergency activities that directly benefit low- and moderate-income people. Up to \$750,000 annual is available for Microenterprise grants. Up to \$100,000 is available for planning and feasibility study grants.
- 3) The third public hearing is to review and adopt the Grafton County Commissioner's Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan (RARA).

Interested people are invited to attend and comment on the proposed application and current projects. Please contact the Commissioner's office at (603) 787-6941 at least five days in advance if you need assistance to attend or participate in the hearing. Anyone submitting written comments should address them to the Grafton County Commissioners at 3855 Dartmouth College Highway, North Haverhill, NH 03774. Grafton County is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.