

GRAFTON COUNTY, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Public Hearing Handout

Community Development Block Grant Project

The Grafton County Commissioners will hold three consecutive Public Hearings on Tuesday March 10th, 2026 at 3:00 pm at the Commissioners' Office, 3855 Dartmouth College Hwy, N. Haverhill, NH 03774. Members of the public and other interested parties are invited to attend.

Community Development Block Grant funds are available to municipalities through the NH Community Development Finance Authority. Annually, up to \$500,000 is available for economic development projects, up to \$500,000 for public facility projects, up to \$500,000 for housing projects, and up to \$350,000 for emergency activities. Up to \$100,000 is available for planning activities (per activity). All projects must directly benefit low and moderate income persons.

The first hearing is for a progress update on the NH Alliance of Regional Development Corporations and Small Business Development Center Business Technical Assistance Project.

The NH Alliance of Regional Development Corporations Business Technical Assistance grant draws to a close on June 30, 2025. The grant required a minimum of 10 jobs be created and filled by persons of to moderate income. 9 of these jobs will come from the provision of TA, while (1) additional job is required because one (1) Regional Development Corporation utilized the consultant fund to provide additional TA.

The second hearing is for the NH Alliance of Regional Development Corporations & Small Business Development Center Business Technical Assistance Project.

This proposed application to the Community Development Finance Authority is for up to \$500,000 in Community Development Block Grant Economic Development funds. The funds will be provided to the NH Alliance of Regional Development Corporations on behalf of its member entities. The ten individual regional development corporations (RDCs) will be the recipient of not more than \$19,000 each. The funds will be used by the RDCs to provide technical assistance to businesses which will hire low and moderate income (LMI) persons or are located LMI areas, as defined by HUD. An additional amount up to \$195,000 will be available for RDCs that can document additional need. In addition up to \$140,000 will be available to the RDCs and SBDC for consultant services. In the aggregate, the RDCs and SBDC will document up to 14 jobs created and/or 14 eligible businesses served. This project conforms with Grafton County's Housing and Community Development Plan's Goal to "Seek to strengthen employment opportunities for all residents by supporting job retention and creation effort."

The third hearing is for the Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan for this project.

This plan outlines measures, under the Uniform Relocation Act, required for CDBG projects that involve any displacement or relocation of persons (or businesses), if the County were to undertake a CDBG project which involved displacement or relocation they would follow this plan. The plan outlines the measures they would take to find comparable, suitable housing for persons (or businesses) displaced or relocated. This project does not anticipate displacement or relocation.