

CITY OF PAWTUCKET



Draft Annual Action Plan
FY 2019
(July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020)
for the
Community Development Block Grant Program
HOME Investment Partnership Program
Emergency Solutions Grant Program

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**CITY OF PAWTUCKET
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Housing and Community Development
Annual Action Plan
Availability/Opportunity for Citizen Comment**

The City of Pawtucket, RI, would like to announce the availability of its 2019-2020 Housing and Community Development Annual Action Plan for public review and comment. The Annual Action Plan lays out the spending priorities for federal housing and community development resources in the upcoming year and includes this year's funding allocations for the Community Development Block Grant, HOME and Emergency Solutions Grant Programs. Citizens are invited to pick up a copy of the Annual Action Plan at the following locations during business hours:

**Dept. of Planning & Redevelopment,
137 Roosevelt Avenue
Pawtucket Public Library, 13 Summer Street
City Clerk, Pawtucket City Hall,
137 Roosevelt Avenue
www.pawtucketri.com > departments >
planning**

All locations are accessible to the disabled. Individuals requiring special assistance to take part in the review of these documents are requested to contact the Pawtucket Dept. of Planning & Redevelopment at the number shown below.

Citizen comment on the plan will be accepted until Thursday, June 13, 2019. Comments should be addressed to:

**2019-2020 Annual Action Plan Comments
Pawt. Dept. of Planning & Redevelopment
137 Roosevelt Avenue, Pawtucket, RI 02860
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2019-2020 Annual Action Plan Executive Summary

1. Introduction

The City of Pawtucket is an Entitlement Community that expects to receive funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to invest in local solutions to address housing and community development needs. The funds include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnership program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).

The primary objective of the CDBG program is to develop viable communities through the provision of decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities. HOME funds are dedicated to preserving and creating affordable housing. ESG supports outreach and shelters for homeless persons, as well as programs that prevent or rapidly rehouse homeless individuals and families.

The City of Pawtucket is pleased to present an Executive Summary of its Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2019 from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. The Annual Action Plan serves several functions:

1. Utilizing data and community input, it prioritizes housing and community development needs, delineates a one-year strategy for addressing those needs, and establishes performance measures by which progress can be assessed in response to the City of Pawtucket's Consolidated Plan 2015-2020.
2. It describes recommendations for specific projects and services to address housing, community development, emergency shelter, and homeless needs which were identified through public meetings, needs assessments, coalition meetings, consultations with community groups (e.g. neighborhood associations, linguistic minority organizations, etc.), and proposals solicited through both public meetings and the Request for Proposals (RFP) process.
3. It outlines activities that will be funded utilizing Federal Block Grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in accordance with 24 CFR Part 91.220 of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

The City's Annual Action Plan has been prepared in accordance with guidance provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

2. Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan Needs Assessment Overview

The 2019 Annual Action Plan includes the goals and objectives outlined below, all targeting community needs related to affordable housing, economic development and employment, and strengthening neighborhoods.

- Provide essential Public Services –
- Improve Public Infrastructure –
- Expand Economic Development opportunities through business assistance–
- Improve availability and access to Public Facilities and Parks–
- Increase Affordable Housing through Rehabilitation and new construction –
- Increase the quality of life through Neighborhood Stabilization efforts–
- Decrease the incidence of Homelessness and provide services to the homeless –
- Planning and Administration –

Funding Disbursement. The 2019 Annual Action Plan represents a single application for federal funding that incorporates three (3) HUD formula programs, for a total allocation of \$2,456,892 in FY 2019 funds. The three (3) HUD programs are as follows:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) \$1,810,854
- HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) \$487,318
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) \$158,720

3. Evaluation of past performance

The City of Pawtucket has demonstrated modest progress in meeting the goals and objectives identified in the 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan and the most recently completed its third year of the five-year Consolidated Plan. The city's successful efforts focused on activities that have positively impacted the quality of life for low and moderate income residents. These efforts have included increasing the amount of decent, safe and affordable housing; expanding homeownership opportunities; investment in public infrastructure, facilities and parks; and providing essential public services.

An inclusive public process, community input, careful planning and a significant commitment of financial resources enabled the city to achieve modest performance across all programs and objectives despite funding constraints from HUD grants.

The City of Pawtucket remains confident that its demonstrated high level of performance will be replicated during the period covered by this Action Plan.

4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process

In order to ensure maximum participation from the citizens of Pawtucket, the Consolidated Planning process included public meetings, and consultations with key sub-populations. In addition to consultations the City held (3) public meetings. An additional public meeting will be held before the City Council on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 where the public could comment on the plan. The city also assisted various applicants with technical assistance in preparing applications for funding requests.

Thursday, January 10, 2019	General Newspaper Notice/Email Meeting Invitation to non-profits, community groups and City Councilors
Tuesday, January 29, 2019	CDBG Public Meeting to Explain Grant Process Review Performance 2017-2018 (CAPER) Presentation of 1 yr. Con-Plan Needs/Explanation CDBG/ESG/HOME Programs Blackstone Valley Visitor Center Theatre, 175 Main Street, Pawtucket, RI - 6 p.m.
Wednesday, January 30, 2019	General Newspaper Notice/Applications Available/Applications emailed to City Council members
January 30, 2019 – Feb. 26	On-call technical assistance meetings with applicants to assist with grant eligibility and preparation
Tuesday, February 26, 2019	Applications Due Date 4 P.M.
February 27 – March 5, 2019	Review of all submitted applications for eligibility/status of current CDBG grant if previously funded.
February 27, 2019	Email list of all applications received sent to Mayor and City Council in advance of public hearings
Tuesday, March 5, 2019	CDBG Public Service Application Public Hearing Blackstone Valley Visitor Center Theatre, 175 Main Street, Pawtucket, RI - 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Thursday, March 7, 2018	CDBG Activities/HOME Housing Applications Public Hearing Blackstone Valley Visitor Center Theatre, 175 Main Street, Pawtucket, RI - 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 22, 2018	Present to the City Council the Resolution authorizing the filing of the 2019-2020 CDBG Application for funding to HUD
Tuesday, May 14, 2019	Ad in the Pawtucket Times, announcing the availability of the Annual Action Plan and requesting comments on the proposed funding plan until June 13, 2019.

All meeting locations were accessible to persons with disabilities and all meeting notices included information about how to request accommodation such as a translator or other assistance.

5. Summary of public comments

The Draft Annual Action Plan will be available for review and public comments between May 14 and June 13, 2019. Any comments received during that time period will be included here along with the City's response for the Final Action Plan.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

All comments will be incorporated into the plan.

7. Summary

The 2015-2020 City of Pawtucket Consolidated Plan reflects the community input received from various individuals and organizations as well as City departments. It is hoped that the priorities chosen will have the effect of improving the lives of Pawtucket's low and moderate income residents.

The following activities listed in the Draft Annual Action Plan have been proposed to receive Annual Action Plan program funds during the 2019-2020 program year.

During FY 2019, the City of Pawtucket will make modest progress in implementing its Housing and Community Development goals and priorities as set forth in its Consolidated Plan 2015-2020 and 2019 Annual Action Plan. Many of these activities stand out as having the potential for positively impacting the quality of life for the City's low and moderate income residents. All of these activities have come to fruition as the result of an active public process, community input, careful planning and a significant commitment of financial resources while providing tremendous opportunities for low and moderate income individuals and families, both young and old, throughout the City of Pawtucket. The Three entitlement programs are described as;

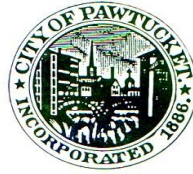
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): The CDBG Program is used to assist Pawtucket residents in a number of ways including: providing low cost loans to fix-up single and multi-family homes, installing new streets and sidewalks, making loans to local businesses, funding for neighborhood and senior centers, assisting families with child care, and many other activities directed at improving the lives of Pawtucket residents.

HOME Housing Investment Partnership (HOME): The HOME Program is used to assist Pawtucket residents with their housing needs. Programs funded with HOME dollars include: the non-profit development of affordable housing and affordable rental housing units, a first-time homebuyers' program, and rental assistance to tenants.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG): The ESG Program assists emergency shelters and homeless prevention activities, emphasizes rapid re-housing, and assists people quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis.

See funding allocations charts on the following pages;

City of Pawtucket, Rhode Island



July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

**HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

Citizen Comments on the Plan will be
Accepted until Thursday, June 13, 2019

Comments may be mailed to: Edward G. Soares, Community Development Program Manager
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or Email - ESOARES@PAWTUCKETRI.COM

BASED ON ANTICIPATED 2019 - 2020 FEDERAL FUNDING

City of Pawtucket, RI 2019-2020 Housing and Community Development Action Plan
for Program Year 45 (July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020)

I. Community Development Block Grant Program

Anticipated 2019-2020 Federal CDBG Allocation Amount	\$1,810,854
Anticipated Program Income for Upcoming 2019-2020 Year*	\$120,000
TOTAL CDBG ALLOCATION	\$1,930,854

II. HOME Housing Investment Partnership Program

Anticipated 2019-2020 Federal HOME Allocation Amount	\$487,318
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III. Emergency Solutions Grant Program

Anticipated 2019-2020 Federal ESG Allocation	\$158,720
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TOTAL EST. FED. FUNDING BUDGET FOR 2019-2020	\$2,576,892
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I. 2019-2020 Community Development Block Grant Summary

Anticipated 2019-2020 Federal CDBG Allocation	\$1,810,854
Anticipated CDBG Program Income for 2019-2020*	\$120,000
Anticipated 2019-2020 CDBG Total Budget	\$1,930,854

*This figure is a projection based upon anticipated loan repayments in the upcoming 2019-20 program year (see accompanying detail).

2019-2020 CDBG BUDGET BREAKDOWN BY PROGRAM AREA

Anticipated 2019-2020 CDBG BUDGET

	\$1,930,854
1. Public Service Allocation	\$380,170
2. Comm. Dev. Activities Allocation	\$1,164,514
3. Administrative and Planning Allocation (20%)	\$386,170

*2019-2020 Community Development Block Grant Detail Notes

Anticipated CDBG Program Income for 2019-2020 Program Year	
Pawt. Redev. Agency Residential Rehab Loan Payments	\$60,000
Pawt. Redev. Agency Commercial Rehab Loan Payments	\$5,000
Pawt. Bus. Dev. Loan Corp. Business Loan Payments	\$55,000
TOTAL PROGRAM INCOME ANTICIPATED	\$120,000

2019-2020 Proposed CDBG Budget Allocations**PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES****DESCRIPTION****I. Senior Services**

Pawt. Senior Services/Senior Transportation

BUDGET**\$165,670**

Operation and Programming of the Leon Mathieu Senior Center.

New Horizons Adult Day Care

\$35,000

Adult Day Care for low/moderate Income Pawtucket Seniors.

II. Child Care

Pawtucket Family YMCA

\$5,000

Before/After School Care for School-aged Children in Pawtucket.

III. Counseling Services

Day One (Sexual Assault & Trauma Resource Ctr. Of RI)

\$4,000

Services to Victims/Families of Sexual Assault.

Blackstone Valley Community Action Program, Inc.-Renew

\$10,000

Project Renew Commercial Sex Worker Diversion Program.

IV. Summer Youth Programs

Camp Ramsbottom (Boys & Girls Club)

\$15,000

Provide Summer Camperships at Camp Ramsbottom.

Summer Teen Program (Boys & Girls Club)

\$3,000

Teen Summer Program.

V. Adult Education Employment

Children's Friend and Service

\$6,000

Education Services Job Training Program for Entry Level Employees

Farm Fresh Rhode Island

\$5,000

Training for Employment in Culinary Arts DCYF Youth Focus

VI. Youth Initiatives

Slater Mill Historic Site

\$9,000

Hands on Fiber Arts Classes Slater Mill for 4th Grade Students.

B.V. Tourism Council River

\$4,000

Educational Outings on the Blackstone River Explorer Boat.

Pawtucket School Department

\$8,000

Robotics Program at Shea and Slater to focus on STEM

Shri Service Corps

\$8,000

Classes for Pawtucket Students, Seniors and Children with Special Needs

Pawtucket School Department

\$3,000

Support for College Scholarship Program

Blackstone Valley Community Action Program Community Cen

\$40,000

Woodlawn Community Center Programing

VII. Assistance To The Hungry

Pawtucket Soup Kitchen

\$26,000

Operation of the Pawtucket Soup Kitchen

Blackstone Valley Emergency Food Center

\$14,000

Food Pantry

VIII. Assistance to the Disabled/Homeless

House of Hope Community Development Corporation

\$13,500

Case Management and Psychiatric Program

VIII. Housing Assistance

Blackstone Valley Community Action Program, Inc.

\$6,000

Fair Housing Advocate

TOTAL CDBG PUBLIC SERVICES**\$380,170**

2019-2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES**DESCRIPTION****I. Facility Improvement Projects:**

Pawtucket Housing Authority
 Curvin-McCabe Elementary School

BUDGET

\$50,000
\$150,000

Senior Playground Equipment and Site Improvements
 New Elementary School Age Appropriate Playground

II. DPR Sponsored Improvement Projects:

Transit Oriented Development
 Exchange Street Streetscape Improvements
 Tidewater Park
 Citywide Street Tree Planting

\$279,514
\$150,000
\$200,000
\$50,000

Transit-Oriented Development around the New Commuter Rail Stop
 Street Trees, Sidewalk and Pedestrian Safety Improvements
 Park Improvements at Town Landing
 Street Trees in CDBG Eligible Neighborhoods

III. Economic Development:

Pawtucket's Business Development Corp. Business Loans
 Proreso Latino

\$100,000
\$25,000

Program Income Repayments to be Recycled for Lending Activity
 Minority Small Business Outreach Program

IV. Pawtucket Redevelopment Agency Renewal:

354 Pine Street Brownfields Clean Up
 Pawt. Redevelopment Agency Property Mgmt.
 Pawt. Redevelopment Agency Spot Acquisition
 Pawt. Redevelopment Agency Spot Acquisition

\$100,000
\$20,000
\$20,000
\$20,000

Brownfields Clean Up Expenses at 354 Pine Street.
 Property Disposition of PRA-Owned Properties.
 Acquisition of Blighted Properties
 Demolition for Removing Blighted Properties

TOTAL CDBG ACTIVITIES**\$1,164,514****2019-2020 CDBG ADMINISTRATION/PLANNING**

I. Dept. of Planning and Redevelopment Administration
 II. Pawtucket Redevelopment Agency Administration

BUDGET

\$311,170
\$75,000
\$386,170

DESCRIPTION

Administration Costs for CDBG Grant Management.
 Administration Costs for Agency Programs.

TOTAL CDBG ADMINISTRATION**TOTAL ALL CDBG CATEGORIES****\$1,930,854**

2019-2020 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG)

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
I. Emergency Shelter Operations	\$40,000	Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center - Emergency Shelter Operations.
II. Essential Services Day Program Operations	\$46,827	House of Hope - Access to HOPE Essential Services-Day Program.
III. Homeless Prevention Rapid Rehousing	\$60,195	Crossroads - Homeless Prevention Rapid Rehousing
IV. Dept. of Planning Admin. Set-Aside (7.5%)	\$11,698	Administration costs for ESG Grant management.
TOTAL ESG	\$158,720	

2019-2020 HOME HOUSING PROGRAM

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
I. HOME Administration Set-Aside (10% cap) City Administrative Reimbursement	\$48,731	Administration costs for HOME Grant management.
II. Administration for Housing Non-Profits (5% required) Pawtucket Citizens Dev. Corp. Administration	\$12,000	Administrative funds to carry-out HOME projects.
III. Available for Projects The ARC of Blackstone Valley TBRA	\$10,000	Tenant Based Rental Assistance for one Special Needs Family
Pawtucket Central Falls Development 120 Dunnell Avenue	\$50,000	Rehabilitation Single Family Dwelling
Pawtucket Central Falls Development - 390 Pine Street	\$366,587	New mixed income rental development 3 units to be deed restricted affordable
TOTAL HOME HOUSING GRANT	\$487,318	

2019-2020 Public Service Applications Expanded Project Description Worksheet

Organization	Title	Budget	Project Description
Leon Mathieu Senior Center	Services and Programs	\$ 165,670.00	Social and recreational services, case management, educational, cultural arts programs, lunch café dining and nutrition education. (2,545 seniors 2017-18)
Blackstone Health, Inc.	New Horizons Adult Day Care	\$ 35,000.00	Day program to care for frail seniors and disabled adults M-F 7:30 AM to 5 PM, (79 clients assisted 2017-18)
Pawtucket YMCA	After School Childcare	\$ 5,000.00	Will assist 20 children with after school childcare for 39 weeks. (20 children assisted 2017-18)
Day One	Services for Child and Adult Victims of Sexual Abuse	\$ 4,000.00	In collaboration with the Pawtucket Police to ensure consistent, uniform approach to dealing with child sexual abuse cases. Clinical program provides individual and group treatment to help victims and their families to recover. (103 clients assisted 2017-18)
Blackstone Valley Community Action Program	Project RENEW	\$ 10,000.00	Commercial Sex worker intervention program, intensive case management and health screenings. (30 clients 2017-18)
Boys & Girls Club of Pawtucket	Camp Ramsbottom scholarships	\$ 15,000.00	Provide 52 camperships to allow youth from Pawtucket to attend Camp Ramsbottom for a two-week session during the summer. (52 youth assisted 2017-18)
Boys & Girls Club of Pawtucket	Teen Summer Program	\$ 3,000.00	Daily transportation is provided, participants are exposed to athletics, music, dance, art, cooking, games, field trips and other activities. (77 teens 2017-18)

2019-2020 Public Service Applications

Expanded Project Description Worksheet

Organization	Title	Budget	Project Description
Children's Friend and Service	Training for Employment in Education Services	\$ 6,000.00	Teacher Assistant Training Program, 18 month session for 12-15 participants. 3 Will focus on 3 Pawtucket residents. Outcome will be job creation. (New Program 2018-2019)
Farm Fresh Rhode Island	Harvest Kitchen Job Training Projects & Pawtucket Farmers Markets	\$ 5,000.00	Job training program to serve low/mod income youth leaving the custody of the Department of Children, Youth and Families. 10 youth expected to participate. (8 assisted 2017-18)
Old Slater Mill Association	Fiber to Yarn 4th	\$ 9,000.00	Educational program serving 4th grade students (808 students participated 2017-18)
Blackstone Valley Tourism Council	River Classroom Program	\$ 4,000.00	RiverClassroom is an environmental educational program aboard BVTc's Explorer. STEM & Environmental literacy is the focus for K-12 Pawtucket Students. Riverclassroom had (213 student 2017-18)
Pawtucket School Department	Robotics Program	\$ 8,000.00	Robotics Afterschool Program at Slater Junior High and Shea High School to focus on STEM. NEW APPLICANT
Shri Service Corps	Yoga for Pawtucket Residents, Senior and those with Special Needs	\$ 8,000.00	Shri Service Corps will provide free yoga classes to Pawtucket Students, Seniors and clients with Special Needs. (New Program 2018-2019)
Pawtucket School Department	Scholarship Program	\$ 3,000.00	Scholarship to attend an accredited public or private, vocational technical school, two year or four-year institution. \$1,000 per student. Funds to be matched with private funding sources. NEW APPLICANT

2019-2020 Public Service Applications Expanded Project Description Worksheet

Organization	Title	Budget	Project Description
BV Community Action Program	BVCAP Woodlawn Community Center Support	\$ 40,000.00	10,074 Clients are being assisted with various programs at the Woodlawn Community Center, BVCAP is asking for operational support for the building. (New Program 2018-2019)
Pawtucket Soup Kitchen	Operation of the Pawtucket Soup kitchen	\$ 26,000.00	Breakfast Mon-Fri. Diner Mon-Fri. Brunch on Saturday mornings 195 . Provides dinner to St. Paul's Emergency Winter Shelter clients 7 days a week along with a Sunday morning brunch, Lunch 5 days a week to Access to Hope clients. (44,414 meals served 2017-18)
Blackstone Valley Emergency Food	Feed The Needy - Food Pantry	\$ 14,000.00	10 day supply of food is provided to clients once a month, all volunteer organization requesting rent support only. Open 9-11:30 M, W, and Friday. Thursday's from 4-6:30 PM. (14,972 clients 2016-17)
House of Hope Community Development Corporation	Case Management and Psychiatric Program	\$ 13,500.00	Case Management support for the House of Hope "Access to Hope" Homeless Day Program. 185 Dexter Street Pawtucket. NEW APPLICANT
Blackstone Valley Community Action Program	Fair Housing Advocate	\$ 6,000.00	Point of contact for the City to advocate and educate citizens on Federal Fair Housing Issues. (29 clients 2017-18)

\$ 380,170.00