

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

January 03, 2012

10:00 AM

Grafton County Commissioners
3855 Dartmouth College Highway
North Haverhill, NH 03774

Three public hearings will be held at the office of the Grafton County Commissioners regarding a proposed application to the NH Community Development Finance Authority for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. CDBG funds are awarded on a competitive basis in New Hampshire and may be used for housing, public facilities, and economic development projects which have primary benefit to low- and moderate-income persons. The maximum grant size is \$500,000. However, a community can apply for \$500,000 in the Housing and Public Facilities category, and another \$500,000 in the Economic Development category. In addition, community may also apply for microenterprise grants for the purpose of promoting small businesses. The CDFA will have a total of \$340,000 available in 2012 for microenterprise grants.

A public hearing has been scheduled to provide residents with specific information regarding grant requirements, to obtain their opinions about community development and housing needs, and to provide information about the proposal to be considered by the County Commissioners. A second public hearing will be held to accept comments on the Grafton County Housing and Community Development Plan, and a third public hearing will be held to accept comment on the Relocation and Anti-Displacement Plan specific to this project. All plans will be reviewed at the hearing.

The proposal to be considered by the Commissioners is a microenterprise grant to be submitted by Grafton County Economic Development Council in partnership with Plymouth State University. The grant would be used to provide training and technical assistance to primarily low-and moderate income micro-entrepreneurs to support job creation and retention.