

Town of Bristol, Rhode Island

Department of Community Development

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Members of the Town Council:

The Town is in the process of applying for two Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) awards from the State of Rhode Island:

- No more than \$400,000 to fund the Bristol Home Repair program. This Town program utilizes CDBG funding to help Bristol homeowners who make less than 80% of area median income to fix code violations and make safety upgrades to their homes.
- \$200,000 to make necessary upgrades to the bathrooms at the Bristol Housing Authority. CDBG is a federal program that funds anti-poverty and anti-urban blight initiatives in cities and towns. Some large cities deal directly with HUD, but most American cities and towns, including Bristol, receive federal CDBG funds through the Small Cities program, which is administered by the states. Cities and towns apply to their state governments for a portion of the funds made available to each state by HUD.

As part of the CDBG application process, the local Planning Board must certify that the activities being applied for are not in conflict with the Town's Comprehensive Plan. A copy of that certification can be found in your packet.

Planning staff recommends certifying that these activities are not in conflict with the town's Comprehensive Plan. In fact, we think these two activities further the goals laid out in the Comp Plan.