



# Town of Bristol, Rhode Island

## *Department of Community Development*

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April 4, 2025

Members of the Bristol Planning Commission  
c/o Diane Williamson, Director of Community Development  
10 Court St  
Bristol, RI 02809

Dear Members;

The Town of Bristol intends to apply for two CDBG Projects under the PY2023/2024 Competitive Grant Round.

1. Walley School Rehabilitation Phase II – Begin work on Phase II of rehabilitation of the former Walley School, creating a new Senior and Community Center.
2. East Bay Food Pantry Expansion and Remodel – The EBFP is in the process of expanding capacity for their Wood Street food pantry and thrift shop, and is seeking CDBG Funds to help fund the expansion of the food pantry specifically.

We thank the commission for its time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Toth  
Planner/HDC Coordinator  
Department of Community Development

Organization	Project	Project Overview	Total Grant Funding Requested	Comprehensive Plan Action Items Addressed
Town of Bristol	Walley School Rehabilitation	Begin Phase II Rehabilitation of the former Walley School into a Community Center	TBA	<p>SF-19 Amend the Zoning Ordinance to include a new a Public Zone to allow a mix of uses (but not residential) in the decommissioned school buildings on High Street (Walley and Byfield on Town Common and Reynolds on High Street). Move forward with renovations to the former Walley School to facilitate its re-use. Consider re-use as artist space, incubator space, or shared work space.</p> <p>SF-22 Given the expected increase in the Town's elderly population, the Town should conduct an assessment as to the space needs at the Senior Center to determine the feasibility of either a physical expansion of the existing facility or the development of a new Center. The Town should also address the potential need for an expansion of the services</p>

**6. Certification of Local Planning Board\***

*The following certification must be completed and submitted as part of the final application:*

I hereby certify that, at a meeting held on April 10, 2025 at Bristol Town Hall, the Planning Board of the Town of Bristol reviewed the proposals contained in this application and has been given opportunity to comment on said proposals. The Planning Board certifies that to the best of its knowledge, the activities proposed are not in conflict with the general policies set forth in the Comprehensive Community Plan of the Town of Bristol.

Date: April 10, 2025

Signature:

Title: Chair, Bristol Planning Board