

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Randolph Town Council

Brian Howard, Town Manager

Michelle Tyler, Director of Planning

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Subject: FY22/23 Randolph CDBG Grant Application

Date: December 28, 2022

The Massachusetts Department of Housing & Community Development has recently announced their CDBG grant round and application deadline. Because of delays due to Covid, this year DHCD is combining two grant years, and as a result, the town of Randolph has an opportunity to apply for up to \$1,350,000. We are proposing to submit the grant to continue the popular housing rehabilitation and childcare subsidy programs.

The Housing Rehab Program would fund 21 households with a 0% interest deferred-payment forgivable loan, making repairs of up to \$50,000 to keep low and moderate-income residents in their homes. Code repairs, weatherization, and health & safety violations will continue to be the priority. All applicants are accepted on a first-come/first-served basis.

The Childcare Subsidy Program would provide up to \$7,000 per eligible child to subsidize care while parents work, go to school or seek employment. The funds go directly to the participating certified childcare provider based on the child's attendance. These funds subsidize the parent's payments on a sliding scale basis.

In the current grant, these two programs have received a great deal of interest and support from residents, demonstrating a continued need for these services. As always there is no cost to the town and an enormous benefit to residents.

The following motion may be useful as you consider this vote:

<u>Proposed Motion</u>: Move to submit an FY22/23 CDBG grant for housing rehabilitation and childcare subsidies and to authorize the Town Manager to sign the grant application and associated forms.