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## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mansfield Town Council will hold a public hearing on 8/10/2020 at 7:00 p.m. via a web-based virtual meeting to hear comments regarding the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant-COVID (SC CDBG-CV) special funding opportunity.

The State of Connecticut is seeking grant applications for a special funding round of the Small Cities CDBG program for activities that would prevent, prepare for, or respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Total funding available at this time for eligible program activities is approximately \$7.8 million. It is anticipated that a second round of funding estimated at approximately \$11.4 million will be available in the coming weeks.

To be eligible for funding, an activity must meet one of the following requirements:

- Enables and community to **Prepare** for COVID-19;
- Enables a community to **Prevent** the spread of COVID-19; or
- Enables a community to **Respond** to the fall-out of COVID-19.

Additionally, the activity must meet one of the following priorities established by the Connecticut Department of Housing:

- Rehabilitation of buildings and improvements (including interim assistance)
- Planning, capacity building and technical assistance
- Provision of new, quantifiably increased public services

Projects funded with CDBG allocations must also carry out at least one of three National Objectives: benefit to low-and moderate-income persons, elimination of slum and blight, or meeting urgent community development needs.

The Planning and Development Department on behalf of the Town of Mansfield anticipates applying for up to **\$500,000** in CDBG-CV funds for public service activities to assist low and moderate income residents that have been impacted by the COVID-19 virus. Potential activities include but are not limited to: rental assistance, nutrition/food security services; and childcare assistance.

The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain citizens views on the community's needs related to preventing, preparing for, and responding to the impacts of the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Additionally, citizens will be able to provide input on specific project activities that could be part of the Town's application for funding under the SC CDBG-CV program.

If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct comments and questions to Jillene Woodmansee, Citizen Participation Coordinator, care of the Mansfield Department of Planning and Development, 4. S. Eagleville Rd., Mansfield, CT 06268; via email at [planzonedept@mansfieldct.org](mailto:planzonedept@mansfieldct.org); or by telephone at 860.429.3341. Please note that to slow the spread of the virus, Town Hall is currently closed to the public. Written comments received by

3:00 p.m. on August 10, 2020 will be provided to the Town Council as part of the public hearing record.

Information on how to participate in the public hearing will be on the meeting agenda, which will be posted at <http://www.mansfieldct.gov/AgendaCenter> no less than 24 hours before the meeting.

*All are encouraged to attend. The hearing is accessible to all persons with disabilities. Any disabled persons requiring special assistance or non-English speaking persons should contact Jillene Woodmansee, Citizen Participation Coordinator, at least 72 hours prior to the hearing.*

The Town Mansfield promotes fair housing and makes all programs available to low-and moderate-income households regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, learning disability or physical/mental disability, or sexual orientation.

Sara-Ann Chaine  
Town Clerk

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