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**TOWN OF STAFFORD, CONNECTICUT**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

*Anthony Frassinelli*  
TOWN CLERK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Stafford, Connecticut will conduct a public hearing by the Board of Selectmen on Thursday, March 23, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. at the Warren Memorial Town Hall, First Floor Meeting Room, 1 Main Street, Stafford Springs, CT 06076, to the discuss the Fiscal Year 2017 Community Development Block Grant program. The hearing will also review and discuss prior grants, including any currently open or underway, and solicit citizen input.

Maximum award limits are: \$700,000 for Public Facilities; \$700,000 for Public Housing Modernization of 25 units or less, or \$800,000 for 26 units and over; \$500,000 for Infrastructure; \$400,000 for Housing Rehabilitation Program for single towns; \$500,000 for two-town consortium, and \$600,000 for three or more towns; \$25,000 for Planning Only Grants; \$500,000 for Economic Development Activities; and \$500,000 for Urgent Need.

Major activity categories are: Acquisition, Housing Rehabilitation, Public Housing Modernization, Community Facilities, Public Services, and Economic Development. Projects funded with CDBG allocations must carry out at least one of three National Objectives: benefit to low- and moderate-income persons, elimination of slums and blight, or meeting urgent community development needs.

The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain citizens' views on the Town's community development and housing needs and review and discuss specific project activities in the areas of housing, economic development or community facilities which could be part of the Town's application for funding.

Also, the public hearing will be to give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known on the program and for approval of the Program Income Reuse Plan. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the Town of Stafford, Board of Selectmen, 1 Main Street, Stafford Springs, CT 06076 or you may telephone (860) 684-1777. In addition, information may be obtained at the above address from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday or 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

The Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, anticipates applying for up to the maximum grant amount of \$400,000 under the Housing Rehabilitation Program. The Town may also utilize program income generated from prior grants in accordance with the Town's Program Income Reuse Plan.

The Town of Stafford promotes fair housing and makes all programs available to low- and moderate-income families regardless of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, disability, sexual orientation, marital status, lawful source of income, or gender identity or expression.

All are encouraged to attend. The hearing location is accessible to persons with disabilities. Any disabled person requiring a special accommodation, or non-English speaking persons, should contact the ADA Coordinator, First Selectman Anthony Frassinelli, telephone 860-684-1777, by Thursday, March 16, 2017.

Anthony Frassinelli, First Selectman

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