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MEMORANDUM

To: Weston S. Young, Chief Administrative Officer
From: Jennifer K. Keener, AICP, Director
Date: September 30, 2025
Re: Request to Schedule Public Hearing: Community Development Block Grant Application

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I am requesting that the Worcester County Commissioners schedule a required public hearing for Tuesday, October 21, 2025, associated with a grant application under the Maryland Community Development Block Grant Program. The application is due on Friday, October 24, 2025. A draft public hearing notice is attached, which must be published a minimum of five days in advance of the hearing.

The Department would like to request \$300,000 in funds for grants associated with the Housing Rehabilitation Program. One hundred percent of the funding will be utilized to meet the national objective of benefit to low- and moderate-income persons. The grant does not require any matching funds, but our application will show that matches will be met through county expenditures associated with the administration of the program over the two-year period, State Special Loan Program grants/loans, and the recently awarded Maryland Affordable Housing Trust (MAHT) Plumbing Poverty Program grant for \$300,000. Qualifying expenditures may include inspection fees and reports, credit reports, appraisals, advertising expenses, mailings and office supplies.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Worcester County Commissioners will conduct a Public Hearing to obtain the views of citizens on community, economic development, and housing needs to be considered for submission of an application to the Maryland Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). Citizens will have the opportunity to discuss proposed projects and to provide input on other needs to be considered. The hearing will be held on **Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at ____ AM** in the Worcester County Government Center, Room 1101, One West Market Street, Snow Hill, MD. The draft application will be available for the public to review on October 7, 2025, until October 24, 2025, at the Department of Development, Review and Permitting, One West Market Street, Room 1201, Snow Hill, MD during normal business hours.

Citizens will be furnished with information including but not limited to:

- * the amount of CDBG funds available for State Fiscal Year 2026;
- * the range of activities that may be undertaken with CDBG funds; and
- * the proposed projects under consideration by Worcester County.

The Maryland Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program is a federally funded program designed to assist governments with activities directed toward neighborhood and housing revitalization, economic development, and improved community facilities and services. It is administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development. The Maryland CDBG Program reflects the State's economic and community development priorities and provides public funds for activities which meet one of the following national objectives, in accordance with the federal Housing Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, that:

1. benefit to low and moderate income persons and households;
2. aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight;
3. meet other community development needs of an urgent nature, or that are an immediate threat to community health and welfare.

Efforts will be made to accommodate the disabled and non-English speaking residents with ____ days advance notice to _____ (name and phone number of contact).

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