

City of Framingham



The City Council of Framingham



ORDER NO. 2024-031-001
REQUEST OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

UPON THE REQUEST OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE, THE CITY OF FRAMINGHAM, THROUGH THE FRAMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL, IT IS SO ORDERED:

That the City Council votes to authorize the City of Framingham, through its Planning and Community Development Division, to accept **\$495,542.00** in FY25 Community Development Block Grant funds in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53A and the provisions of Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and regulations promulgated thereunder by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and approve the prepared budget, as attached.

AND FURTHER:

A Vote to authorize the City of Framingham, through its Planning and Community Development Division to accept FY25 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development HOME Investment Partnership Program funds, through the Metro West HOME Consortium and to carry out the associated activities to implement the HOME funded projects, and approve the prepared budget in the amount of **\$284,350.00**, as attached.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Cannon, King, Leombruno, Long, Mallach, Ottaviani,
Steiner, Ward, White Harvey
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: All members were present in person
PASSED IN COUNCIL: June 25, 2024

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A TRUE RECORD, ATTEST:

6/26/2024

Date Approved



Lisa A. Ferguson, City Clerk
Emily L. Butler, Assistant City Clerk

6/27/24

Date Approved



Charlie Siskitsky, Mayor



FRAMINGHAM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

CITY HALL 150 CONCORD ST. SUITE 121 FRAMINGHAM, MA 01702-8325 (508) 532-5457

FY2025 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS

FY2025 CDBG Total Available Funds **\$495,542.00**

USES OF FY2025 CDBG FUNDS

1.0 ADMINISTRATION/PLANNING

1.1 Administration/Planning \$99,100.00
\$99,100.00

2.0 MICROENTERPRISE

2.1 Microenterprise \$66,200.00
\$66,200.00

3.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

3.1 Repayment of Section 108 Loan for relocation of Seabra Foods \$100,000.00
3.2 Downtown Framingham Inc. \$100,000.00
\$200,000.00

4.0 PUBLIC SERVICES

4.1 Literacy Unlimited \$9,500.00
4.2 Framingham Adult ESL Plus \$7,500.00
4.3 Community Connections Summer Work Program - Wayside \$24,000.00
4.4 Metrowest Mediation Services \$4,000.00
4.5 Greater Framingham Community Church Massachusetts \$5,000.00
4.6 Alliance of Portuguese Speakers (MAPS) \$10,000.00
4.7 Circle of Hope \$10,000.00
4.8 Jewish Family Services \$4,000.00
\$74,000.00

5.0 PUBLIC FACILITIES

5.1 Brace \$18,400.00
5.2 Advocates \$37,500.00
\$55,900.00

TOTAL FY25 CDBG FUNDS	\$495,542.00
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PROJECTED FISCAL 2025 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME) FUNDS

The HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) provides formula grants to states and localities that communities use - often in partnership with local nonprofit groups - to fund a wide range of activities including building, buying, and/or rehabilitating affordable housing for rent or homeownership or providing direct rental assistance to low-income people. HOME is the largest federal block grant to state and local governments designed exclusively to create affordable housing for low-income households. HOME funds are awarded annually as formula grants to participating jurisdictions (PJs). The program's flexibility allows states and local governments to use HOME funds for grants, direct loans, loan guarantees or other forms of credit enhancements, or rental assistance or security deposits.

The program reinforces several important values and principles of community development:

- Flexibility empowers people and communities to design and implement strategies tailored to their own needs and priorities.
- Emphasis on consolidated planning expands and strengthens partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector in the development of affordable housing.
- Technical assistance activities and set-aside for qualified community-based nonprofit housing groups builds the capacity of these partners.
- Requirement that participating jurisdictions match 25 cents of every dollar in program funds mobilizes community resources in support of affordable housing

FY2025 HOME Funds **\$284,350.00**

USES OF FY2025 HOME FUNDS

1.0	<i>Tenant Based Rental Assistance</i>	\$258,500.00
	<i>Funds can only be used for 2 months of start up costs to get household into unit such as first month and security deposit. Some funds will be allocated towards rental assistance for families working with homeless providers.</i>	
	Home Program Administration	\$19,646.00
	Fair Housing Testing Program	\$6,204.00

TOTAL FY2025 HOME FUNDS	\$284,350.00
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