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West Springfield Seeks Proposals from Non-Profits for 2019 Grant Funding

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The Town of West Springfield's Community Development department is seeking proposals from local nonprofits for social services to be included in the FY2019 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The Town is eligible annually to apply for up to \$825,000 in funding, including social service activities, for eligible activities that provide benefit to low- and moderate-income households in West Springfield.

In prior years, public hearings were held to solicit priorities from the community, and then decisions were made internally within the department as to which services were funded. For the first time in many years, the Department of Community Development (OCD) is openly soliciting proposals from any agency interested in providing services for grant funds. An overview of the program and application packet are available online and in-person at the OCD in Town Hall.

Community priorities for social services, as defined by past priorities and a public meeting held on October 30, 2018, are widely ranging, from support services for the refugee community and homeless families, youth development, and economic self-sufficiency programs. The OCD seeks to compile a diverse portfolio serving many community needs. All programs must primarily benefit low- and moderate-income families located within West Springfield.

Completed proposals are due back to Community Development by 12:00 PM on Friday, January 4. No late applications will be accepted. No incomplete applications will be considered. Applicants are highly encouraged to contact Town staff prior to requesting funds.

The full proposal packet can be picked up in the Office of Community Development on the 2nd Floor of Town Hall, or accessed online at <http://www.townofwestspringfield.org/government/departments/planning-development/community-development-division>

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More details on CDBG or this proposal process are available by contacting Morgan Drewniany, Director of Community Development for the Town of West Springfield at mdrewniany@tows.org or 413.263.3044.