



City of New Bedford, Massachusetts

Mayor Jonathan F. Mitchell

Office of Housing & Community Development

Patrick J. Sullivan, Director

Community Forums

Here's your opportunity to speak up about how we should spend federal money to improve the City!

As part of its Five-Year Consolidated Planning Process and its Annual Action Plan, the City of New Bedford's Office of Housing & Community Development (OHCD) is hosting three public meetings in December and January to discuss the federal funding that the city receives as an entitlement community under the U.S. Department of Housing & Community Development's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Programs.

These meetings will briefly explain this process and these programs. Additionally, they will provide you with an opportunity to discuss **your ideas** about how these limited federal funds could be used to serve the needs of New Bedford residents, particularly those of low and moderate incomes, over the next five years.

December 10, 2019	Public Library, Main Branch 613 Pleasant Street	6pm – 7:30pm
	<u>Five-Year Consolidated Plan</u> – This informal meeting will be a dialogue geared toward sharing your ideas about needs and priorities within our community and how federal funding might be used to address those needs over the next five years.	
January 14, 2020	Carney Academy, 247 Elm Street	6pm – 7:30pm
	<u>Five-Year Consolidated Plan</u> – This meeting will overview what was covered at the December 10 th meeting, review the three entitlement programs and will provide a forum for citizens to discuss housing and community development needs that relate to low/moderate income individuals and families. Information about how to submit proposals that will respond to those needs in the coming fiscal year will be discussed and materials made available.	
January 15, 2020	OHCD Office, 608 Pleasant Street	6pm – 7:30pm
	<u>Annual Action Plan</u> – This meeting is repeat of January 14, 2020 public meeting in a different location.	

For more information please contact:

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This information is available in Portuguese, Spanish or any other language upon request. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), if any accommodations are needed, please contact the Community Development Office at 508.979.1500. Requests should be made as soon as possible but at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.