

## CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



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# **Citizens Advisory Committee Public Hearing on February 18<sup>th</sup> *Project Ideas Sought for Portsmouth CDBG Program***

PORTSMOUTH, NH – The City of Portsmouth’s Citizens Advisory Committee will be seeking ideas for new Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects at a Public Hearing held at 6:00 pm on Thursday, February 18, 2016 in Conference Room A at Portsmouth City Hall. This Public Hearing is held as part of the development of the FY 2016-2017 CDBG Annual Plan and Budget. The Citizens Advisory Committee is responsible for developing the CDBG Annual Plan and Budget and recommending it to the City Manager for approval.

At this hearing, the Community Development staff will describe the CDBG project eligibility requirements and solicit input from the public regarding new projects. CDBG projects must benefit Portsmouth individuals or families who earn very low, low or moderate incomes. CDBG funds can be used to: carry out projects that benefit very low to moderate income individuals and families; improve City neighborhoods where more than half of the residents earn very low to moderate incomes; and increase accessibility for people with disabilities. In addition to the Public Hearing described above, City staff will review the status of current year CDBG-funded projects and programs.

Residents who would like more information, or are unable to attend the public hearings on February 18<sup>th</sup> and would like to share their comments, may contact Elise Annunziata, Community Development Coordinator at 610-7281 or [eannunziata@cityofportsmouth.com](mailto:eannunziata@cityofportsmouth.com).