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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF
PUBLIC HEARING and RFP
City of Lawrence
FY09 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)**

The City of Lawrence, through its Community Development Department, will conduct Public Hearings and a Workshop regarding the use of approximately \$2 million in Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME grant funds available on or about July 1, 2008.

The Community Development Department will host the meetings, whose primary objective is to solicit public participation in determining the needs of the city, and to allow public input on the decision making process regarding the use of Federal funds.

The City is soliciting proposals that benefit people of low to moderate income and the homeless, that address slums and blight, and that relate to the availability of decent, safe, affordable housing in the City for FY09 CDBG funding. The Public Hearings will review the accomplishments of programs and projects receiving funding in the previous year, and provide information on the CDBG funding for the upcoming year. The CDBG Workshop will explain the application process of for FY2009 CDBG funding. The hearings and workshops are fully accessible and open to all.

Individuals requiring Spanish translation or American Sign interpreters are asked to contact the office at (978) 620-3510 in advance of the meetings. Technical assistance in preparing your proposals will be available upon request.

Application materials will be available December 1, 2007 at the Community Development Department, 147 Haverhill Street, Lawrence, MA 01840. Electronic copies are available by request to AGil@cityoflawrence.com.

Completed applications must be received at the City of Lawrence Community Development Department **no later than Friday, February 1, 2008 at 2:30 PM.**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
December 12, 2007	Public Hearing	Lawrence Senior Center 155 Haverhill St. 5-8PM
January 16, 2008	CDBG Workshop	Lawrence Senior Center 155 Haverhill St. 9 AM-12 PM 5-8 PM
February 13, 2008	Public Hearing Presentations by Applicants	Lawrence Senior Center 155 Haverhill St. 5-8 PM

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