



Kevin J. Murphy
City Manager

March 21, 2018

Mayor William Samaras
and
Members of the City Council

REFERENCE: National Community Development Week

Dear Mayor Samaras and Members of the City Council:

The City of Lowell will join communities across the country to celebrate National Community Development Week from April 2nd through April 6, 2018. This annual celebration is designed to focus attention on the outstanding accomplishments over the past 44 years of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

Lowell has relied on these essential programs to provide core funding for numerous public and nonprofit activities, as well as key funding sources for most of the City's major economic development initiatives including the JAM and Acre Urban Renewal Plans and the redevelopment of the Hamilton Canal District.

With the possibility of cuts in the CDBG program, National Community Development Week is an ideal opportunity to showcase the importance of the CDBG Program for the City of Lowell and its community partners.

Attached is the schedule of events the City and grant subrecipients will host to call attention to local programs supported with these federal funds. Members of the City Council and the public are invited to attend these events throughout the week.

Should you have any questions about National Community Development Week or the activities funded through this program, please do not hesitate to contact Chris Samaras, Community Development Director at 978-674-1429.

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Murphy
City Manager

KJM/ns
Attachment

cc: Diane Tradd, Assistant City Manager/DPD Director
Kevin Coughlin, Deputy Director
Christopher Samaras, Community Development Director

*Lowell Celebrates National Community Development Week
April 2nd – April 6th 2018*



Monday, April 2nd 3 pm – 5 pm CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

Lowell Community Health Center Teen BLOCK Project, 161 Jackson Street lchealth.org

A youth peer-led empowerment and community engagement project, aimed at providing after school programming on substance abuse prevention. Come by for a tour.

Tuesday, April 3rd 10 am - 11 am

**Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association of Greater Lowell, Inc. (CMAA), 465 School Street
CMAALowell.org**

CMAA is a walk in service center providing assistance to local Cambodian and other minorities living in low to middle income households in Lowell. Come by for a tour.

Tuesday, April 3rd 10 am – 12 noon CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

International Institute of New England, Inc., 17 Warren Street iine.org

This organization provides support services to low income and at risk refugees to create and improve housing stability. Come by for a tour/open house.

Tuesday April 3rd 3pm – 5 pm

UTEC, Inc., 15 Warren Street utec-lowell.org

Provides workforce development opportunities to at risk clients.
There will be tours and catering samples from UTEC Café.

Tuesday, April 3rd 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Angkor Dance Troupe, 40 French Street angkordancetroupe.org

This program allows students to pursue employment opportunities through learning invaluable skills.

Come see the dance troupe in action.

Wednesday April 4th 10 am -12 Noon

The Wish Project, 1A Foundry Street thewishproject.org

Provides basic tangible goods to families in need. Come by for our open house.

Thursday April 5th 10 am - 12 Noon

The Boys and Girls Club of Greater Lowell, 657 Middlesex Street lbgc.org

Improving and transforming lives through the Music Clubhouse. Come by for a tour.

Friday April 6th 10 am – 12 Noon

Girls Incorporated of Greater Lowell, 220 Worthen Street girlsincloowell.org

Focusing on girls, teaching science technology and economic literacy.

Come by for a tour.