

# Citizen Advisory Committee Members Needed

The City of Lowell seeks residents interested in volunteering to serve on the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). This Committee reviews grant applications for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and recommends funding allocations to the City Manager.

This volunteer committee plays an important role in the allocation of funds that benefit Lowell's low- and moderate-income residents. The 7 to 9 member CAC reviews all grant applications submitted by non-profit organizations and city departments requesting funding under the CDBG program.

These grant funds are distributed annually through a competitive proposal process. CAC members review grant applications, hear testimony from applicants at a public hearing, and meet during the winter months to formulate a recommended plan for awarding grants. This recommendation is then forwarded to the City Manager, and forms the groundwork for the City's annual spending plan for these federal grants.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, Governor Charlie Baker declared an emergency order modifying the state's open meeting policy, and meetings will be held using remote participation.

Because these funds are intended to benefit low and moderate income residents, residents from different cultures and residents of Lowell's lower-income neighborhoods are particularly encouraged to apply. All members must be residents of Lowell, and have no direct affiliation in an agency, project, or program funded with CDBG funds. Those members approved by the City Manager will be appointed to a one-year term.

If you are interested, please submit a letter of interest and resume to Betty Rawnsley-Erazo, Community Development Assistant at Dept. of Planning and Development, 2nd floor, 50 Arcand Drive, Lowell, MA 01852 or [BRawnsley@lowellma.gov](mailto:BRawnsley@lowellma.gov). All materials received will be forwarded to the City Manager for her review and appointments.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 978-674-1418 or [BRawnsley@LowellMA.gov](mailto:BRawnsley@LowellMA.gov).