



# TOWN OF CARVER

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### **Public Hearing Minutes January 30, 2014, 6:00pm Carver Town Hall Room #1**

**Posted in Accordance with the Provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 20B, authorized person Jack Hunter.**

Ms. Susan Gray of STG Consultant Services opened the public hearing to discuss the proposed FY 2014 Community Development Fund (CDF) Program joint application with the Town of Halifax at 6:05pm, in meeting room #1 in the Carver Town Hall at 108 Main Street, Carver, Massachusetts.

Ms. Gray introduced herself, stating she was representing the Town of Carver. Ms. Gray summarized for those present the history of the Community Development Funds (CDF) for Carver and Halifax. In FY2010, a joint application of the towns of Carver and Halifax was awarded a CDF grant for housing rehabilitation. The two towns submitted another joint application for FY2013, adding a child-care assistance program, but competition was very high and they did not receive a grant. STG Consultants reviewed the application to analyze where improvements could be made and bonus points earned, and have put together another CDF grant application for FY2014, for housing rehabilitation and child-care assistance.

Ms. Gray handed out a packet (see attached) highlighting the basic information of the grant application and its purpose. She explained that the housing rehabilitation projects are limited to each town's target area, but that the child-care assistance program is open to any resident of Carver or Halifax.

Ms. Gray said that if Carver-Halifax were to receive the grant it would be awarded by August of 2014, and an administrative agent would need to be hired for the length of the grant period (18 months) to do all the processing, coordinating and tracking of applications, forms, and payments, in addition to filing all the reports with the State. Ms. Gray said that STG already has waiting lists for both the housing rehab and child-care from the previous year's application. She said that pre-applications for child-care assistance have been sent to schools and child-care centers in both towns. If the award is granted, they will advertise for applications.

#### **Public Questions:**

Someone asked if there was still the possibility for someone to receive an award if there is already a waiting list. Ms. Gray answered that the waiting list is not a placement for eligibility, only a list for those who are interested in applying. People on the waiting list would be notified that applications are available at the same time as a public announcement is made. Awards are granted on a first-come, first-served basis, until the funds are used up, and status is based on the receipt of a completed application, not the pre-application.

Someone also asked what the low-moderate income amount is. Ms. Gray said she was not sure about the amount for Carver, because it varies from town to town. She said the information is available on-line, and it is based on the income of the whole household.

There were no more questions, and Ms. Gray ended the hearing at 6:35pm.