

Program Year 2017
Rhode Island
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

SECTION 1: APPLICATION COVER

Deadline: 3 PM on Thursday, May 17, 2018

<u>1a. Community Information</u>	
City/Town:	City of Central Falls, The
Duns #:	089357636
Tax ID #:	05-600063

<u>1b. Application Contact Information</u>	
Contact Person:	Peter Friedrichs
Title:	Director, Planning & Economic Development
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<u>2. Total Funding Requested</u>	
Total Funding Requested (Should reconcile with Budget Page)	\$1,675,000

3. Authorizing Resolution

The following certification must be completed and submitted as part of the final application:

This is certified as a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of City of Central Falls, RI at a meeting held on May 14th.

WHEREAS, funds are available under the Rhode Island Community Development Block Grant Program, administered by the Executive Office of Commerce, Office of Housing and Community Development; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Rhode Island has authorized the Director of said Department/Office to disburse such funds; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the citizens of the City of Central Falls, RI that application be made to undertake a local Community Development Block Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF: CENTRAL FALLS, RI

That the filing of this application for the amount of \$1,675,000 to implement the activities proposed herein hereby authorized and that Mayor James A. Diossa (Chief Executive Officer) is hereby authorized and directed to file this application with the Office of Housing and Community Development, to provide any additional information or documents required by said office, to make any assurances required in connection with this program, to execute an agreement with the State of Rhode Island and to otherwise act as the Representative of the City of Central Falls in all matters relating to this application and any award which may be based upon this application.

Date: <u>May 14, 2018</u>	Signature: 
Seal:	Title: City Clerk

4. Chief Executive Officer Signature (Empowered by Resolution in #3 above)

Name & Title:	<u>James A. Diossa, Mayor</u>
Signature:	
Date:	<u>May 16, 2018</u>

5. Certification of Public Hearing

The following certification must be completed and submitted as part of the final application:

1st Hearing Ad:	<u>April 4, 2018</u>	Held:	<u>April 19th, 2018</u>
2nd Hearing Ad:	<u>April 23, 2018</u>	Held:	<u>May 1st, 2018</u>

I hereby certify that public hearings duly advertised and convened on the above listed dates have been completed and that public comments made as the result of this process have been considered in the development of proposals contained in this application.

Date:

May 8, 2018

Signature:

Title: Director, Planning & Economic Development

6. Certification of Local Planning Board*The following certification must be completed and submitted as part of the final application:*

I hereby certify that, at a meeting held on May 8th, 2018 at 6:00 PM, the Planning Board of the City of Central Falls reviewed the proposals contained in this application and has been given opportunity to comment on said proposals. The Planning Board certifies that to the best of its knowledge, the activities proposed are not in conflict with the general policies set forth in the Comprehensive Community Plan of the City of Central Falls .

Date:

May 8, 2018

Signature:

Title: Chair, Central Falls Planning Board

7. Local Prioritization of Project Proposals (do not include local administration).

Project Priority	Project Title	Amount Requested	National Objective			Pre-Agreement Consideration?
			LMI	SB	UN	
1	Pawtucket-Central Falls Train Station	\$500,000	✓			
2	Macomber Stadium Remediation	\$500,000	✓			
3	Higginson Avenue Sports Field Renovation	\$500,000	✓			
4	BVAC Transitional Housing Program	\$50,000	✓			
5	FSRI Go Team	\$50,000	✓			
6	Homeownership Program (Regional Activity with Cumberland)	\$75,000	✓			

8. Project Proposal Abstracts (do not include local administration). *For each activity, provide a project abstract. Be sure to specify how the CDBG funds will be used, who/how many will benefit, the need for the activity, other funding, and any other information that will assist the CDBG Committee in their review. 10 line limit. The space for each abstract will expand as needed to contain inserted text.*

Project Priority	Project Title	Amount Requested	
1	Pawtucket-Central Falls Intermodal Hub	\$500,000	Insert abstract below:
Abstract >	The train station and relocated bus hub would create direct access to the Boston metropolitan area via transit and increase employment opportunities for residents in both Central Falls and Pawtucket. The census tracts surrounding the station in Pawtucket and Central Falls are majority low and moderate income; all are designated opportunity zones. Grant funding would be used for		

	the City's \$750,000 match for the construction of the northern access point, allowing for Central Falls residents to easily and safely access the hub.		
2	Macomber Stadium Remediation	\$500,000	Insert abstract below:
Abstract >	Macomber Stadium is a key recreational asset to not only community members, but also the Central Falls High School baseball, softball, soccer, and football teams and the Central Falls Panthers football team. For the past 11 months, these teams have been unable to practice and host games because of heavy metals found in the soil. Grant funding would be used to improve the conditions and make the stadium usable again. This project was recently awarded the maximum award from 2016's Recreation Bond.		
3	Higginson Avenue Sports Field Renovation	\$500,000	Insert abstract below:
Abstract >	The track and field at the Francis L Corrigan Sports Complex has been a significant recreational resource for the Central Falls community, but, recently, it was discovered that the soil on the field contains foreign substances, including glass. The field has been out of commission for 11 months and restricted the use by the Rhode Island Youth Soccer League, its primary user. Grant funding would be used to install fabric between the soil and hazardous objects and clean fill to reopen the field. As this is the backup field for Macomber Stadium, Central Falls currently has no football or soccer fields.		
4	BVAC Transitional Housing Program	\$50,000	Insert abstract below:
Abstract >	The Transitional Housing Program is designed to offer intensive case management and services around client identified issues. The families who reside within BVAC's program are single head of households who are survivors of domestic violence. The program is a supervised living situation in a safe environment which includes program rules and guidelines. It is designed to provide intensive services for a period of two years. The program assists families with individual case management that includes identifying immediate needs, reviewing options that are available and assist in long-term goals. It further assists families in their work towards personal, family and economic stability.		
5	FSRI Go Team	\$50,000	Insert abstract below:
Abstract >	Inspired by its "Go Team," in Providence, Family Service of RI (FSRI) requests funds to replicate this award-winning program in Central Falls. FSRI will deploy trauma-trained experts with police on patrol; and provide on-scene crisis intervention, advocacy, referrals for follow up care, and language support for victims of intimate partner violence and other crimes. Central Falls suffers from the highest violent crime rate in the state. The Go-Team will be on-call 24/7. Our hope is that this activity will build upon existing initiatives to bring our violent crime rate more in line with the state average.		
6	PCFD Homeownership Program	\$75,000	Insert abstract below:
Abstract >	The PCF Development HomeOwnership Program will provide HUD-approved, first-time homebuyer classes and closing cost assistance to income qualified buyers in Central Falls and Cumberland. First established in 2016, this successful program will continue to provide counseling for first time homebuyers in both classroom and one-on-one settings in an expanded area that includes the Town of Cumberland. The program places a strong focus on building credit, budgeting, financial education, safe mortgage products and what to look for when choosing your first home. Classes are taught in English and Spanish by a certified counselor. The closing cost assistance aspect of the program will provide gap financing for homebuyers in Central Falls		

	and Cumberland. This project targets low and moderate income persons earning less than 80% AMI and would consist of deferred loans that would be forgivable over time.
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9. Balances Sheet (as of 3/31/18)

Please detail all remaining funds (funds not drawdown from the State) for any activity in any open grant year. Do not list activities with a zero (0) balance. List activities individually; do not aggregate. Note that this information will be used in assessing past performance in the evaluation of applications/activities.

GRANT YEAR:	ACTIVITY:	BALANCE Not Yet Drawn:
2014	BVCAP Home Repair Program	\$12,862
2014	PCDC/REACH Housing Rehabilitation	\$55,275.81
2015	City Parks Safety and Security	\$77,000
2015	PCFD Homebuyer Education/Downpayment Assistance	\$64,764
2016	SER Jobs for Progress Workforce Development	\$86,820
2016	After School Program	\$68,180
2016	Water Activities	\$20,000
2016	Homebuyer Education	\$30,000
2016	FSRI Housing Support Specialist	\$45,000