

**LACONIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
JANUARY 12, 2026**

**STAFF REPORT
AGENDA ITEM 22.A.
PROPOSED APPLICATION TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
FINANCE AUTHORITY FOR UP TO \$100,000 IN COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR BELKNAP
HOUSE EMERGENCY REPAIRS/REPLACEMENT OF THE SEWER LINE
SERVICING THE BUILDING**

Discussion: Community Development Block Grant funds are available to municipalities through the NH Community Development Finance Authority. Up to \$500,000 annually is available for Economic Development Projects, up \$500,000 for Housing Projects, up to \$500,000 for Public Facility Projects, up to \$500,000 in Emergency Funds, up to \$25,000 per Planning Study grant. All projects must directly benefit a majority of low- and moderate-income persons.

This is a proposed application to the Community Development Finance Authority for up to \$100,000 in CDBG Emergency Funds. Of the grant funds, up to \$15,000 will be retained by the City for administrative/labor compliance costs associated with the project, up to \$85,000 of the funds will be subgranted to Belknap House, a family shelter located at 200 Court Street in for emergency repairs/replacement to the sewer line servicing the building. The shelter services low and moderate income persons.

This project conforms with Laconia's Housing and Community Development Plan's goals of: Promote activities that protect the health and safety of residents and visitors (Short-term and Long-term goal).

At the December 22, 2025 meeting the City Council voted to schedule a public hearing; that public hearing was held earlier this evening.

Fiscal Impact:

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends support of the proposed application.

This report submitted by: Kirk Beattie, City Manager

Proposed motion:

"I move to approve the submittal of the Belknap House Emergency Sewer Line Repairs/Replacement Project CDBG application and vote to authorize the City Manager to sign and submit the CDBG application, and upon approval of the CDBG application, authorize the City Manager to execute any documents which may be necessary to effectuate the CDBG contract, and any amendments thereto."