



## CITY OF AMESBURY IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN

**SPONSORED BY:** Mayor C. Kenneth Gray **BILL No** 2016-015

Amesbury City Council Resolution to support the following steps by the City of Amesbury as outlined below:

Summary: A Resolution to support the following:

- The development of a Regional joint application, to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, by the City of Amesbury, as the lead applicant, and the Town of Merrimac as a co-applicant with the Town of Salisbury serving as management entity. Said CDBG funds are available through competitive grants to municipalities for affordable housing projects, social services, economic development, and public facilities that benefit low and moderate income persons. The FY 2016 grant round will involve an application seeking the maximum award possible which is \$1,000,000 in FY 2016. Further the program will continue the success of the Housing Rehabilitation program and Social Services targeting low and moderate income households in a manner consistent with the FY 2015 program.

Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Amesbury assembled and by the authority of the same, considers this matter as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program was enacted, and signed into law by President Gerald Ford, as the centerpiece of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDBG program has as its primary objective "... the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income;" and

**WHEREAS**, the CDBG program has considerable flexibility to allow communities to carry out activities that are tailored to their unique affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization needs; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout its 30-year history, the CDBG program has been a partnership among the federal, state and local governments, business, and the nonprofit sector which carry out activities that improve the lives and neighborhoods of low and moderate income families; and

**WHEREAS**, the region formed by Amesbury, and Merrimac has shared economic, social, and infrastructure, issues that transcend each community's borders; and

**WHEREAS**, the coordination of the two communities in one grant application will increase the capacity to provide services, marshal targeted resources, increase the competitive nature of the application, and reduce redundancy toward increasing the ability to deliver benefit to low and moderate income persons and households; and

**WHEREAS**, low and moderate income residents within both Amesbury and Merrimac face an aging housing stock and require the assistance, such as CDBG, to sustain a viable and safe home through programs such as Housing Rehabilitation; and

**WHEREAS**, social services that provide opportunities for low and moderate income residents of both communities face the consistent challenge of limited resources and burgeoning demands that CDBG can address; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Salisbury has an established CDBG management capacity through their Planning Office, and is currently a partner with the City of Amesbury in the FY 2015 CDBG grant round; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Amesbury through their City Council has adopted the required Community Development Strategy on January 13, 2015; and

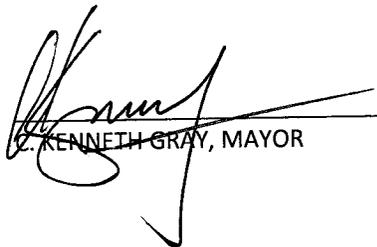
**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it Resolved that the City Council does hereby respectfully concur with the Mayor and recommends to support the development of a Regional FY 2016 CDBG application between the City of Amesbury as lead applicant, and the Town of Merrimac as partnering community, and further, subject to applicable agreements, the City will engage the Town of Salisbury Planning Office as management entity.

At the meeting of the Amesbury City Council held on January 12, 2016 in the City Hall Auditorium the following action was taken:

Councilor Sickorez moved to approve 2016-015 as submitted. Councilor Sherwood seconded and it was voted Unanimous.

Witness my hand and seal for the City of Amesbury this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

  
SHARON DUNNING, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

  
C. KENNETH GRAY, MAYOR

1/21/16  
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