

MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING

VIA ZOOM

Monday, March 20, 2023

AGENDA

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85743259460>

Meeting ID: 857 4325 9460 Dial into meeting: +1 646 558 8656

Topics may start earlier than specified, unless there is a hearing scheduled

Meeting Being Taped

Votes May Be Taken

1. 6:30 PM Selectboard Chair opens the meeting, including announcing that the meeting is being recorded and roll call taken
2. 6:31 Approve Selectboard Minutes from March 6, and 13, 2023
3. 6:32 Public Comment Period: Individuals will be limited to two (2) minutes each and the Selectboard will strictly adhere to time allotted for public comment
4. 6:33 Brian McHugh
 - Authorize an Extension Request to DHCD for the CDF-I-G-2020-Montague-00896 grant to 06.30.23 to allow time to complete the housing rehabilitation projects currently under contract.
5. 6:40 Great Falls Farmers Market, Annie Levine
 - Request for payment related to coordination of Farmers Market in 2022
6. 6:50 Town Administrator Business
 - Governor Healey Announcement End of COVID-19 Public Health Emergency in MA effective May 11, 2023
 - Testimony Provided Regarding Permanent Remote and Hybrid Meeting Legislation
7. 7:10 Executive Session under G.L. c.30A §21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to Collective Bargaining (New England Police Benevolent Association), Votes may be taken.

OTHER:

Next Meeting: Selectboard, Monday March 27, 2023 at 6:30 PM via ZOOM



Selectboard
Town of Montague
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 Turners Falls, MA 01376

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March 20, 2023

Patricia Roushanaei
 Deputy Manager, Community Development Unit
 Department of Housing & Community Development
 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 300
 Boston, MA 02114

RE: CDF I-G-2020-Montague-00896; Program Extension

Dear Ms. Roushanaei,

The Town of Montague would like to request a program extension to June 30, 2023, for CDF-I-G-2020-Montague-00896. The Franklin County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) is administering the grant for the Town and is submitting this extension for additional time to complete housing rehabilitation projects currently underway.

The original goal for the HR activity was funded for \$120,000 to complete 3 units and with the addition of \$180,148.67 in re-programmed and Program Income Funds, six units have been completed and the final 2 units are currently under construction. The additional time will allow for completion of these final two projects.

If you have any questions regarding this Program Extension, please feel free to contact Brian P. McHugh, Director of Community Service at Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority, at (413) 223-5224 or bmchugh@fcrhra.org.

Sincerely,

Richard Kuklewicz
 Chair, Selectboard

Budget and Program Revision Form

Community/Grantee: MONTAGUE	Original Award: \$675,519
Program Name/Year: CDF-G-2020-MONTAGUE Grant #:00896	Revision #: E-3 P-number (program revision) B-number (budget revision) E-number (extensions)
Contract End Date: 03 / 31 / 23	Date Revision Submitted: 03/21/23

This request is for the following change(s). Grantee check all “Requested” that apply; DHCD will initial those that are approved in the approved column.

Grantee Requested	An X in the left column indicates the item is included by the Grantee, an X in the right hand column indicates DHCD approval of the item when the form is signed.	DHCD Approved
	Budget Amendment to increase the grant award to \$ _____	
	Budget Revision for:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change in administrative dollars • Transfer of funds from construction to non-construction or vice versa • Cumulative transfers among separately budgeted activities which exceed or are expected to exceed 10% of the approved grant award if the grant award exceeds \$100,000 	
X	Program Extension (to increase period of availability of funds/period of performance) to 06 / 30 / 2023	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This extension will extend period of performance beyond the end of the term of the current grant agreement 	
	Program Revision for:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision in scope or effectiveness of a project/program design or significant change in the accomplishment of the national objective or beneficiaries to be served. • Changes in key personnel • For non-construction projects, contracting out or subgranting or otherwise obtaining services of a third party to perform activities which are central to the purposes of the award if not specified in the application or grant award • Other, specify 	
<p>This request is submitted and all relevant information specified on page 4 is provided in attachments. I understand that the revision or extension requested is not approved unless and until this form is countersigned as “approved” or “approved with revisions” by The CDBG Program Director and returned to me.</p>		
	Richard Kuklewicz; Selectboard Chair	
Authorized Signature for Grantee:	Date 03 / 20 / 23	Print Name & Title:

Great Falls Farmers Market <greatfallsfarmersmarketurners@gmail.com>

To: Shayna Reardon

Thu 3/16/2023 10:57 AM

Hi Shayna,

Thanks for the email! Here is the blurb I'd like to include with my agenda item.

For work performed managing the Great Falls Farmers Market for the 2022 season I am requesting \$2844.40 in payment. Working at \$18/hr for 8 hrs per week for the 26-week season would mean a total of \$3744. The market receipts for last year totaled \$899.60 which I have been approved to pay out, leaving a remainder of \$2844.40. In previous seasons when grants were not enough to cover the entire season, town hall was able to pay me for the remainder of the season. Understanding this is an unusual request and unusual circumstances, I bring this matter to the board.

I don't have any additional materials to go with this request.

Let me know if you need anything else!

Take care,
Annie Levine

StevenE - Montague Town Administrator

From: RegionalPublicHealth, Local (DPH) <LocalRegionalPublicHealth@MassMail.State.MA.US>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 10:27 AM
To: RegionalPublicHealth, Local (DPH)
Subject: Healey-Driscoll Administration Announces End of COVID-19 Public Health Emergency in Massachusetts

THE OFFICE OF
GOVERNOR MAURA T. HEALEY

LT. GOVERNOR KIMBERLEY DRISCOLL

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

March 15, 2023

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Healey-Driscoll Administration Announces End of COVID-19 Public Health Emergency in Massachusetts

Administration also files legislation to extend certain staffing flexibilities for health care providers; Will rescind vaccine mandate for Executive Branch employees on May 11

BOSTON – Today the Healey-Driscoll Administration announced that the state’s COVID-19 public health emergency will end on May 11, 2023, to align with the end of the federal public health emergency. The announcement this week, ahead of the 45-day notice required by state law, allows additional time for impacted organizations to prepare for the end of the public health emergency.

Governor Healey will also file legislation that would extend key flexibilities provided by the public health emergency, particularly around staffing for the health care industry and emergency medical services (EMS). The Governor also announced that on May 11 she plans to rescind Executive Order 595 that required all Executive Branch state employees to have received their primary series COVID-19 vaccines.

“Thanks to the hard work of our health care providers and communities, we’ve made important progress in the fight against COVID-19,” said **Governor Healey**. “We know that we have the tools to manage this virus – vaccines, masking, testing, getting treatments and staying home when sick – and we’ve reached the point where we can update our guidance to reflect where we are now. I’d also like to acknowledge the leadership of Governor Baker and his administration, who saved countless lives by putting these important measures in place in a time of immense crisis.”

“Executive Order No. 595 has been a successful tool for boosting vaccination rates and reducing the spread and severity of COVID-19 in Massachusetts. We’re grateful to the state employees who did their part to keep themselves, their coworkers and their communities safe,” said **Lieutenant Governor Driscoll**. “We encourage Massachusetts residents to continue taking important prevention measures to keep our communities healthy, like getting boosted, masking and staying home when you’re feeling sick.”

“We are fortunate that in Massachusetts, the wide availability of vaccines, tests, effective treatments, and PPE changed the course of a pandemic that brought loss and hardship to so many. Three years on from the start of the pandemic, we are now in a very different place,” said **Secretary of Health and Human Services Kate Walsh**. “While we will continue living with COVID-19, we can now incorporate the tools to manage this virus into our standing response to respiratory illness within our communities and healthcare system.”

Governor Healey’s legislation would:

- Continue flexibilities currently in place regarding staffing for out-of-hospital dialysis centers. This would apply for 6 months to allow dialysis centers time to return to pre-COVID staffing levels.
- Authorize certain non-Medication Administration Program (MAP) certified staff to administer certain prepackaged medications in community settings. This would apply for 6 months to enable DPH to finalize reforms that streamline the MAP program training requirements.
- Allow staffing of Advanced Life Support level ambulance transports with a single EMT provider and a first responder driver (rather than 2 certified EMTs). This would be a permanent change based on the positive experience of this staffing model over the last three years.

Executive Order No. 595 helped raise the percentage of fully vaccinated executive department employees from around 76 percent to over 99 percent. Mandates for staff in certain roles and settings will remain in place, per CMS [and EOHHS regulations](#).

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