

Cumberland County Community Development Program

2014 – **Community** CDBG Pre-Application Form

Due – December 20, 2013, 4:00PM

Pre-application may be submitted by e-mail: shapiro@cumberlandcounty.org

Project Title Gray Village Improvement Project – Phase 1

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Sub-Grantee (e.g. non-profit social service agency)

Sub-Grantee _____

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Program Type

Public Infrastructure/Facility X Downtown Revitalization X

Public Service _____ Housing _____ Economic Development _____

Estimated Project Cost: \$300,000 Estimated CDBG Request \$175,000

Provide a clear, concise description of the project

The scope of work for the project should be outlined.

Project Summary –

The project will build upon a previously awarded 2010 CDBG Planning Grant, which helped us create a master plan for revitalizing an area in Gray Village called Monument Square. This grant will support implementation of the master plan by bringing together the necessary private and public resources. Monument Square includes a mix of uses including Douglas Field (primarily used as a Little League baseball field serving Gray and New Gloucester), Russell Elementary School, the MSAD15 Superintendent's office, a shopping plaza with upstairs apartments, barber shop, real estate office, single family homes and municipal properties (Stimson Hall, old Town Hall and old Post Office). The latter two buildings are vacant and are functionally obsolete.

What will be built? The Town will demolish the deteriorating old Post Office and Town Hall, which will create opportunities for new commercial development. We will also create a new entrance to these properties off of Shaker Road (Rt. 26) and create a temporary green space in place of the removed municipal buildings. The Town will build shared lighted graveled parking and septic.

Who will manage the projects? This plan will be managed by the Town of Gray and Town Engineers, Gorrill-Palmer.

Who will be served by the project? This project will serve Gray residents, especially those residing in and near Monument Square, as well as business owners, workers, and visitors. They will benefit from improved office, retail services and residential housing opportunities, as well as enhanced pedestrian safety.

In addition, this project will work concurrently as part of a larger master plan to upgrade Douglas Field into a state-of-the-art ball field to serve the recreational needs of Gray through the Recreation Departments and the Gray-New Gloucester communities through the Gray-New Gloucester Little League.

Identify which National Objective of the CDBG program the project will meet

- X Low/moderate income: Area-wide benefit
- Low/moderate income: Direct benefit (primarily housing rehabilitation)
- Low/moderate income: Limited clientele (primarily public service projects)
- Prevention or elimination of slum/blight conditions