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GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES IN WESTFIELD
Microenterprise Grants to be offered this winter

WESTFIELD, MA- The City of Westfield's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is prepared to launch a revamped Microenterprise Grant Program for local small businesses this winter. Qualified small businesses with less than five employees and whose owners have a household income of less than 80 percent of the Area Median are eligible to receive up to \$2,000 to make improvements to their business.

Grant funds may be used for the following purposes: business equipment, inventory, necessary fixed assets, marketing and business promotion, or other necessary enhancements as approved by the Community Development team.

Up to ten (10) businesses located in the downtown eligible census tracts will be funded which includes Elm Street, Main Street, Meadow Street, Franklin Street, and the North Elm/Union Avenue (Depot Square) area.

Westfield has provided technical and financial support to thirty (30) small businesses in Westfield with an investment of approximately \$100,000 in CDBG grant funds over the past decade.

For more information or an application, please contact Peter Miller at p.miller@cityofwestfield.org, (413) 572-6246.