



Village of Patchogue
Community Development Agency
Community Development Block Grant Program
Five-Year Plan
2023-2027

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Summary:

The Village of Patchogue Community Development Agency (CDA) has prepared this plan for use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds from 2023-2027 to coincide with the 2023-2027 consolidated plan of the Town of Brookhaven. The Patchogue CDA anticipates receiving a total of \$750,000 over the five-year period. Of those funds, \$562,500 will be for public improvement projects, \$112,500 will be for public services provided by CDA employees to residents of the Village of Patchogue (the Village), and \$75,000 will be for administrative costs of the program. This plan will focus on the proposed uses for the \$562,500 CDBG funds for public improvement projects.

Patchogue Community Development Agency

Overview:

The Village of Patchogue Community Development Agency (CDA) was established in 1980 under Article 15 and 15A of the General Municipal Law. The certificate of establishment, dated October 2, 1980, and filed with the Secretary of State on October 3, 1980, sets forth the purpose of the agency:

The establishment of the Village of Patchogue Community Development Agency was necessitated by the ongoing community development in said Village. The Village has experienced aging housing stock which requires rehabilitation and the enforcement of strict housing standards. In addition, in order to provide for senior citizens and other residents of the Village who legitimately require housing assistance, it is necessary to acquire, refurbish and make available subsidized housing units. In addition, it is necessary to commence rehabilitation of older, less attractive portions of the commercial business area within the Village of Patchogue in order to revitalize the commercial atmosphere. The creation of the Community Development Agency is the most effective means of providing the administration of these various programs.

The CDA was created to act on the Village's behalf to administer federal community development funds. The Village maintains responsibility for ensuring that all funds are spent in accordance with federal guidelines. Federal auditors may periodically inspect an Agency's records to ascertain compliance with federal law. The Agency, on the Village's behalf, is thus responsible for acting in conformity with all applicable rules and regulations.

Applicable Laws:

New York State's General Municipal Law, the Public Authority Reform Act of 2009, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations, together, establish the ground rules for the CDA's operation. The General Municipal Law Article 15-A sets forth what the agency can and cannot do and the methods for taking actions. The major functions of the Agency are:

1. To plan for community development activities;
2. To develop means of financing community development projects;

3. To undertake and implement community development activities;
4. To act as the local government's agency in matters relating to combating blight and deterioration and improving the economic and social climate of a community.

The Patchogue CDA is also a Public Housing Authority (PHA) administering the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program for the Village. As a PHA the CDA is subject to the rules and regulations contained in Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations (24 CFR) as well as notices and handbooks published by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Funding for community development activities comes in the form of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The CDA applied each year and receives its CDBG funds from the Town of Brookhaven. The CDBG regulations are contained in Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

The CDA is a Class C Public Authority and is subject to the Public Authority Law as amended by the Public Authority Accountability Act of 2005 and the Public Authority Reform Act of 2009; the Freedom of Information Law (Public Officers Law, Article 6, §§84-90); the Open Meetings Law (Public Officers Law, Article 7, §§100-111); and Public Employee Ethics Reform Act of 2007 (Public Officers Law §§73, et seq.).

What are Community Development Activities?

In general, the CDA is concerned with improving living conditions for low- and moderate-income families and eliminating and preventing deteriorating conditions. CDA activities relate to physical improvements, expanding an area's job base, and providing new or additional public works and services. To accomplish these goals, Article 15-A provides the Agency with broad powers. The CDA may, subject to proper procedures:

1. Acquire and condemn real property;
2. Construct, repair, and rehabilitate properties;
3. Undertake certain public works;
4. Lend monies and provide grants for construction and rehabilitation; and
5. Accept federal and state grants and aid.

The CDA Board

The CDA Board establishes the policies relative to the activities undertaken by the Agency. The Chair and members review and approve agency projects and expenditures. The Village Board of Trustees, with the advice of the CDA Board, appoints an Executive Director to run the day-to-day operations of the CDA.

The CDA Board is appointed by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Patchogue. The term of office for each member is at the pleasure of the Mayor and the Board of Trustees and each member shall hold office until a successor has been appointed and qualified. Members are appointed upon vacancy or at the time of the annual reorganization meeting. Members must be sworn in. The CDA Board consists of a five-members including a chairperson and one alternate.

The CDA Board also serves as the board of commissioners for the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

CDA Meetings

The CDA Board meets on the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Patchogue Village Hall, 14 Baker Street. Special Meetings may be called with proper notice as required under the Public Meeting Law.

Public Hearings

From time to time, as required under the law, the CDA will hold public hearings to be noticed as required under applicable state or federal law. Dates and times of Public Hearings may coincide with regular board meetings.

Citizen Participation:

The monthly meetings of the CDA are open to the public. Each year a public hearing is held for citizen input into the annual CDBG project plan. For this five-year Long-Range Plan, the CDA invited community groups to attend several CDA meetings for those groups to provide input on potential projects and collaboration. Table 1 identifies the community groups and organizations that participated.

Table 1. Community Group Meeting Attendance

Meeting Date	Organization/Group	Description
August 2021	PEP Committee	The Protecting the Environment in Patchogue (PEP) Committee works to improve the environment and promote environmentally-friendly practices in the Village of Patchogue.
October 2021	Patchogue Arts Council	Patchogue Arts Council promotes public art events and installation.
	Patchogue Tree Committee	A committee of the Village of Patchogue which promotes the planting and preservation of trees.
	Patchogue Beautification Committee	A committee of the Greater Patchogue Foundation the Beautification Committee plans and manages all plantings around the village public rights of way, Main Street, LIRR Train Station, and Parking Lots.

Project recommendations are captured in Table 2 and were identified during the stakeholder group meetings.

Table 2. Projects Identified with Community Groups

Goal: Economic Development		Support downtown economic development in the central business district through funding of capital projects.
	Stakeholder	Project Recommendations
1	Patchogue Arts Council	Interactive signs in the central business district
2	Patchogue Arts Council	Patchogue River Interpretive Signs about the History of the river.
Goal: Recreation and Environment		Assist in recreational upgrades and improve the environment in the Village.
	Stakeholder	Project Recommendations
3	Tree Committee, Beautification	Requested that where possible planting trees be included in other CDA projects.
4	PEP Committee	Rain Gardens - Request installation of rain gardens to help with storm water runoff and water quality.
5	Beautification Committee	Pollinator Gardens in public parks (multi-year project).
6	Beautification and PEP Committee	9-11 Park erosion control and Rain Garden- park improvements.
7	Patchogue-Medford Library	Story Walk – Install frames or pedestals in Shorefront Park and the library will insert pages from picture books in English and Spanish so families can read books together at the park. Improve literacy.
8	Patchogue-Medford Library	Music in the Parks- Install musical instruments manufactured to be used in public places – drums, chimes, etc.
9	Village of Patchogue Parks and Recreation	Sculpture at the south east corner of Smith St and Rider Ave, Fireman's Park, and Shorefront Park. Further coordination with Business Improvement District (BID).
10	Village of Patchogue Parks and Recreation	Labyrinth at Shorefront Park
11	Village of Patchogue Parks and Recreation	Gazebo and patio with walkway in the lot south of 380 Bay Ave for use by Senior Citizen groups, and ADA walkway back to community garden and soccer fields.

12	Village of Patchogue Parks and Recreation	Painted Hop Scotch games at Shorefront Park.
Goal: Public Art		Support Public Arts and art programs as an important part of community improvement efforts.
	Stakeholder	Project Recommendations
1	Patchogue Arts Council	Head Start Art program – partner with Patchogue Head Start having PAC arrange art educators to provide art instruction to students at the Patchogue Head Start
2	Patchogue Arts Council	Art District Signage – An Urban Renewal Study was done of Terry Street and the Village has designated Terry Street as an Arts District. PAC asked for signage identifying Terry Street as an arts district.
3	Patchogue Arts Council	Street Art Mural – on the road on Terry Street – Replace in 3-5 years
4	Patchogue Arts Council	Paver Art Project – PAC is receiving a donation of one piece of Paver Art related to the Covid-19 pandemic – need funding for installation.
5	Patchogue Arts Council	Sculptures throughout the eligible areas as well as in the Shorefront Park Complex which serves the entire Village.
6	Patchogue Arts Council	Bandshell Mural – on the back of the bandshell to be seen from the water.
7	Patchogue Arts Council	Original artwork – wraps on the signal boxes.
8	Patchogue Arts Council and PEP	Artwork on storm drains to prevent pollution.

Future collaboration with stakeholder groups will ensure project success and are identified for each recommended project.

CDA Goals and Project Recommendations for 2023-2027

The Patchogue CDA took into consideration the recommended projects by stakeholders (Table 2), internally-identified CDA projects, and have prioritized projects for the next five years. Out of a total of 27 proposed projects, eight (8) were identified by the CDA as the highest ranking and most important projects (or group of projects) that the CDA board would like to prioritize in the Long-Range Plan (Table 3). The projects identified have overarching goals that include:

Understand our infrastructure: Continuously assess the needs of the Village residents by engaging in other public planning processes managed by the Village government, and

physically assessing the conditions of the streets, sidewalks and other public infrastructure village-wide.

Collaboration: Collaborate with local governmental and non-governmental organizations to bring additional resources and opportunities to the residents of the Village of Patchogue.

Improve Safety and Accessibility: Strive to administer community development grant funding in a manner that improves the safety, sustainability, and accessibility of the Village.

Table 3. CDA Proposed Projects for Years 2023- 2027

PROJECT	YEAR TO BE IMPLEMENTED	CDBG Code
1. Shorefront Phase II a. Story Walk b. Install Musical Instruments c. Labyrinth d. Hopscotch e. Sculptures f. Educational Waysides about nature	1-5	03F
2. Pollinator and Rain Gardens in Parks and incorporated into other CDA projects when able	1-5 (pending grants)	03F -Parks, Recreational Facilities
3. Art- multiple projects that could be combined for art competition a. Art on storm drains b. Mural on the back of the bandshell c. Murals throughout Village with interested property owners	2-5	03F- Parks, Recreational Facilities 03K-Street Improvement
4. Sidewalk improvements	1-5	03L- Sidewalks
5. Incorporate tree plantings into CDA projects	1-5 as able	03N- Tree Planting 03L- Sidewalks
6. Design and install Archway between laundromat and deli on south side of Main St.	2-4 (Suffolk County Downtown Revitalization Matching Grant 2024 submission)	03L
7. Gazebo and accessible path at 380 Bay Ave to connect	1-5	03F- Parks, Recreational Facilities

parking lot, community garden, and soccer fields		03- Other Public Facilities and Improvements
8. Signage throughout community (historic district, art district, educational)	1-5	03L 03K 03F
ONGOING ACTIVITIES		
9. Street Improvements	1-5	03K-Street Improvements
10. Parking Lot Improvements	1-5	03G-Parking Facilities
11. Removing architectural barriers	1-5	03Z – ADA Improvements
12. Services for the Elderly – case management	1-5	05A-Senior Services
13. Housing Information and Referral Services	1-5	05X
14. Public Services	1-5	05B-05Y and 05X

The CDA will continue to work with collaborators to achieve the goals and projects identified in this five-year plan, and recognize the need for flexibility in implementing projects due to timing and funding constraints. The CDA would like to thank our stakeholders and public for their support and inspiration in making Patchogue a better place to live.