**Notice of Public Hearing**

**Community development block grant funding**

**for**

**laurel street housing rehabilitation project, Phase I**

**City of Franklin, Virginia**

The City of Franklin will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers in the City Municipal Building, located at 207 W. Second Avenue, Franklin, Virginia, 23851 to solicit public input on the proposed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) proposal to be submitted to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development for the Laurel Street Housing Rehabilitation Project, Phase I. Residents of the project area are encouraged to attend. The Laurel Street Housing Rehabilitation Project, Phase I proposal will consist primarily of housing rehabilitation, stormwater drainage, and street improvement activities.

The draft CDBG proposal will be presented for comment along with information on projected beneficiaries, including the number of low- and moderate-income residents to benefit from the proposed project, and plans to minimize displacement. Citizens will also be given the opportunity to comment on the City of Franklin’s past use of CDBG funds. A fact sheet on the proposed project and the draft proposal is available at the address listed below.

Due to the public health threat posed by COVID-19 and guidance issued by the CDC and Virginia Department of Health, in-person attendance will be limited to the facility's safe physical distancing capacity. In lieu of an in-person appearance, the public may send comments to the Interim Director of Community Development’s office by the following methods:

* Send an email to bwalkup@franklinva.com; please include your name, address, and contact information.
* Send your written comments to the attention of the Interim Director of Community Development at 207 W. Second Avenue, Franklin, Virginia 23851; please include your name, address, and contact information.
* Call the Interim Director of Community Development’s office at 757-562-1003.

Questions and comments will be read into the minutes if received by 12:00 NOON on March 24, 2021.

If you plan to attend and have any special needs requirements, please contact Ms. Walkup at the address and number listed above. For additional information, contact Beverly Walkup, Interim Director of Community Development, City of Franklin, 207 W. Second Avenue, Franklin, Virginia 23851, phone 757-562-1003 or e-mail bwalkup@franklinva.com, or Virginia Relay Service 711.