



***C.H.E.S.S. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING,  
EDUCATION, SOCIAL SERVICES, STATE &  
COMMERCE***

Maureen Pollack, Co-Chair

Stephanie Sylvestre, Co-Chair

## **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Date:** Tuesday, April 21, 2026  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Place:** This meeting was held in the Democratic Caucus Room and remotely on Zoom.

The CHESSE Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chairs Pollack and Sylvestre, and Committee Member Reps. Goldberg, Gross, McKeown, Price, Walston, and Wirz. Rep. Yeager was excused. Also in attendance were Rep. Camporeale; Moira Sawch, Community Development Program Administrator; Anita Carpenter, Grants Officer; and Arnold Knittell, Community Development Program Specialist.

Co-Chair Pollack called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Invitees (or Designees)</b>
1. CHESSE32.012	<b><u>PUBLIC HEARING</u></b> ; to Solicit Public Input on the Program Year 52 Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnerships Program. 03/31/2026 – Submitted by Moira Sawch	<b>Public Hearing Held and Report Made</b>

Ms. Sawch provided an overview of the Program Year 52 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program, including the anticipated funding levels, eligible funding categories, application timeline, public comment period, and Annual Action Plan process. The public hearing was opened. Ana Gallegos spoke in support of the Stamford Public Education Foundation's People Empowering People and Parent Leadership Training Institute programs. There being no other speakers, the public hearing was closed.

2. <a href="#">CHESSE32.013</a>	<b><u>PUBLIC HEARING</u></b> ; of the Year 52 CDBG Proposals (2026-2027). 03/24/2026 – Submitted by Moira Sawch	<b>Public Hearing Held and Report Made</b>
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Ms. Sawch explained that 30 applications from 26 organizations were received and would be reviewed in two categories: public improvement and public service. Applicants presented their proposals and questions were asked by committee members and board members in attendance.

The following organizations presented applications to be considered for Year 52 CDBG funding:

<b><u>Public Improvement Activity Name</u></b>	<b><u>Public Service Activity Name</u></b>
Abilis, Inc.	Saint Joseph Parenting Center
Inspirica	River House Adult Day Cntr (G'wich Adult Day Care)
ARI of Connecticut, Inc.	Connecticut Institute for Refugees & Immigrants
Optimus Health Care	Person to Person, Inc.
Housing Authority dba Charter Oak	Liberation Programs
Family Centers-Bedford Street	Wheel It Forward,-Medical Equipment
Pacific House	Domus Kids, Inc.
Pacific House	SilverSource, Inc.
Children Learning Center	Pacific House, Inc.
Building One Community	Inspirica Inc.
Mutual Housing of CT dba CT Housing Partners	New Covenant Center
Ferguson Library	Stamford Public Education Foundation
	United Way of Coastal and Western CT
	Women's Mentoring Network
	Community Health Center Inc.
	The Rowan Center
	Kids in Crisis Safe Haven
	Building One Community

The Committee was reminded that applicant scoring is due by May 9, 2026, and members were asked to test their access to the grants portal by April 24, 2026.

Co-Chair Pollack adjourned the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maureen Pollack, Co-Chair

This meeting is on video.