

Public Notice
The City of Greenwood
Disclosure of a Conflict of Interest

The City of Greenwood had awarded a grant to the Greenwood Community Schools Foundation to provide music therapy as a mental health enrichment to students impacted negatively by the COVID-19 pandemic. The grant funding comes from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and will target therapy to students that are under an income threshold set by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Greenwood Community Schools Foundation went through an extensive request for qualifications process and has selected Dynamic Music Therapy as the provider of the services to students.

Each year the CDBG Committee, comprised of three members appointed by the Mayor Greenwood, evaluates applications for CDBG funding. One of the members, Jennifer Pinson, is the CEO of Dynamic Music Therapy. Ms. Pinson abstained from any decision regarding the funding of the Greenwood Community Schools Foundation grant for the 2022 program year. As such, the City will seek a waiver from the CDBG Conflict of Interest, 24 CFR 576.404 on two different grounds:

1. The affected person has withdrawn from his or her functions, responsibilities or the decision-making process with respect to the specific activity in question.
2. The exception would provide a significant cost benefit or an essential degree of expertise to the program or project that would otherwise not be available.

The City is seeking input from the public regarding this conflict of interest disclosure. Citizens may respond or provide their input from December 7, 2022 until January 6, 2023. Comments may be sent to the City at CDBG@greenwood.in.gov. The City will submit a waiver to request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on January 9, 2023.