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MAYOR JON MITCHELL

ACTION PLAN COMMUNITY MEETING

**DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING,
HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Patrick J. Sullivan
Director



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AGENDA

Purpose of Tonight's Meeting

The Consolidated Planning Process

Community Input

Action Plan

- Funding Levels
- Community Input
- Block Grant Programs
- Last Year's Programs and Outcomes
- The Request for Proposals (RFP) Process

Public Comments



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Who are we?

- A city department
- Funded through several “entitlement grants” that the city receives through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development [HUD]
- Located at 608 Pleasant Street (New Bedford Art Museum building)
- Our work:
 1. To engage residents, non-profit organizations, developers and the general public to articulate the City’s needs and priorities for safe, decent, affordable housing, economic development, community services, and neighborhood revitalization.
 2. To utilize federal funding effectively to help low and moderate income residents achieve their vision of a healthy, livable community.

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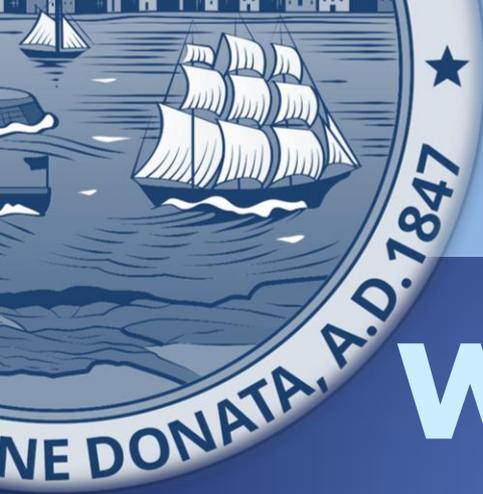
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Why are we here?

- Help folks understand about federal funding and what the city can do and has done with it
- Inform the public about existing community needs/available resources
- Learn more about hidden needs within the city
- Identify projects that will benefit the city's low and moderate-income population
- Solicit proposals for funding from citizens, community-based organizations, nonprofits, and city departments

and...

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Why are we here?

- Because we want to know what *you* think; we want to hear *your* ideas about solving our community's needs!



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What's a Consolidated Plan?

- A five year Master Plan for Housing and Community Development required of all entitlement communities by HUD.
- The plan is drafted by the city's Department of Planning, Housing & Community Development and it...
 - ✓ Identifies existing conditions affecting those with low/moderate incomes and those areas that are blighted or where a majority of residents have lower incomes.
 - ✓ Creates a five year strategy for the use of federal funds to alleviate those conditions in the city.
- The foundation of every ConPlan is public participation.

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The Big Picture

- The Consolidated Plan
- Priority Needs Assessment
- Annual Action Plan
- Public Participation



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ConPlan Info

WHERE DOES THE PLAN COME FROM:

- Data (Census statistics, etc.)
- Surveys and focus groups with residents, community and business leaders, neighborhood groups, etc.



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Priority Needs Assessment



- Housing
- Public Facilities and Infrastructure
- Community Services
- Economic Development
- Homeless Facilities and Services



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ConPlan Process



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Listening

- Public Hearings
- Consultations
- Stakeholder Sessions
- Community Surveys
- Draft Plans



PUBLIC INPUT



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Action Plan 101

- One Year Document
- FY16 is the second of five Action Plans under the Consolidated Plan 2015-2019
- Program Year = City Fiscal Year
July 1st – June 30th

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Funding

Estimated Funding Availability for FY16

<u>Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)</u>	<u>\$ 2,489,357</u>
Public Services	
Public Facility & Infrastructure Improvements	
Economic Development	
Housing	
Parks	
<u>Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)</u>	<u>\$ 235,185</u>
Homelessness Prevention Activities	
Street Outreach	
Emergency Shelter Operations	
Rapid Re-Housing	
<u>HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)</u>	<u>\$ 628,614</u>
New Construction	
First Time Homebuyer Assistance	
Rental Housing	
CHDOs	

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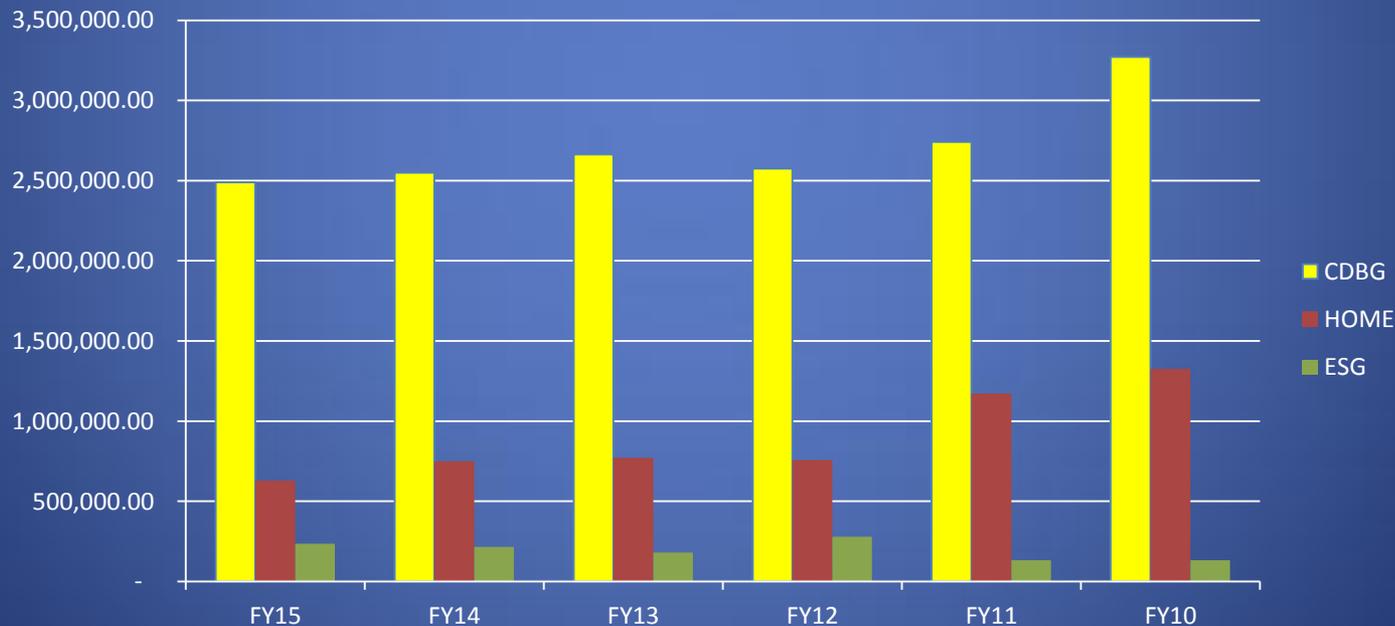


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Funding

Funding levels continue to dramatically decrease each year...



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Community

How is the community informed?

- Public Meetings – January 12th and January 13th
- Action Plan / Release RFP – January 12th
- Print Advertising in three languages
- Public Access Cable Television
- Facebook
- Flyers in the Community
- Flyers to all subrecipients from last year
- Email Blasts
- RFP Workshops January 15, 2016, 9am CDBG & 10am ESG
- Web Site: www.newbedford-ma.gov/community-development/



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Block Grants

CDBG

Community Development Block Grant Program

ESG

Emergency Solutions Grant Program

HOME

Home Investment Partnership Program

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CDBG



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CDBG

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

include, but are not limited to:

- Infrastructure improvements
- Public facilities
- Public services
- Park improvements
- Housing and rehab
- Economic development

INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

include, but are not limited to:

- Fundraising
- Political activities
- Expenses required to carry out the regular responsibilities of local government
- Income payments
- Buildings or portions thereof, used for general conduct of government
- Purchase of equipment, fixtures, motor vehicles, furnishings or other personal property

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Infrastructure Improvements	Streets and sidewalk restoration in eligible census tracts
Public Facilities	Rehabilitation of buildings - handicapped accessibility
Public Services	Recreation, health, counseling, case management for youth, seniors and those at-risk
Park Improvements	Park improvements (playground equipment, landscaping, lighting, etc.) in eligible census tracts
Housing and Rehab	Assistance to senior citizens, housing accessibility improvements, general rehab assistance
Economic Development	Job creation activities, storefront façade improvements, micro enterprise development

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ESG Grants: To prevent homelessness and to assist those already experiencing homelessness

- Street Outreach & Emergency Shelter
- Homeless Prevention
- Rapid Re-housing
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

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HOME Program: To provide, develop, support, produce, and expand the supply of decent and affordable housing

- New construction, rental housing and first time homebuyer programs for low and moderate income persons
- Assistance to approved Community Housing Development Organizations [CHDOs] that develop housing for low and moderate income persons



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First Time Homebuyers	Down payment and closing cost assistance, rehabilitation and gap funding
HOME Rental Housing	Assists developers in creating housing for low to moderate income individuals and families
HOME CHDO Development	Provide a 15% set aside to assist designated CHDOs in New Bedford in creating affordable housing

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Community Development Block Grant Projects
- Emergency Solutions Grant Program
- HOME Activities
- Total Expenditures in FY2015



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CDBG

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

17,229

City residents benefitted from CDBG-funded Public Service activities and programs

10,148

Public Service beneficiaries were extremely low income

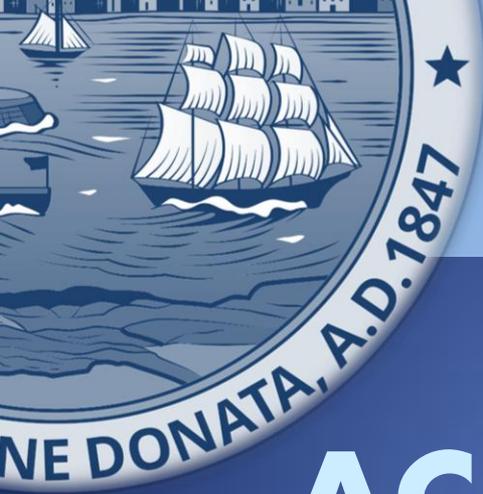
24,359

City Residents benefitted from Public facility improvements and City park upgrades

34

Housing units were improved, de-leaded and rehabbed with CDBG dollars

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CDBG ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PUBLIC SERVICES

- Last fiscal year there were 24 public service activities funded totaling \$348,550
- Activities ranged from recreation and arts programs to counseling, case management and transportation



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CDBG ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PUBLIC SERVICES



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CDBG ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Microenterprise funds to support small business growth
- Loans to develop new business opportunities
- Funding for local business associations
- Storefront reimbursements for businesses in eligible census tracts

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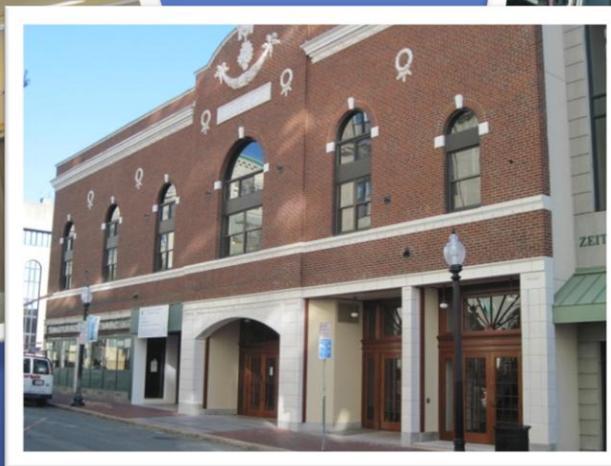


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CDBG ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS



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ESG

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

EMERGENCY SHELTER



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HOMELESSNESS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

COC PROGRAMS

The Supportive Housing Program under the city's Continuum of Care program provided housing and supportive services through rent subsidies for over **101 units** of permanent housing and **23 units** of transitional housing to those who had previously experienced homelessness in New Bedford.



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ESG ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ESG PROGRAMS

The Emergency Solutions Program utilized \$227,714 in funding to support 9 homeless programs that served over 600 people:

Emergency / Transitional Programs

476 persons served.

Homeless Prevention Programs

148 persons served.



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HOME ACCOMPLISHMENTS

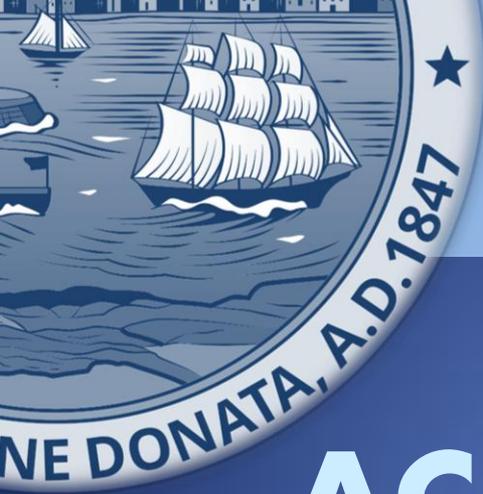
HOUSING ACQUISITION & REHAB

Neighborhood's First, First Time Homebuyer Assistance \$249,898 (HOME)
Provided 14 families with down payment/closing costs and/or gap assistance

HOME/ Rental Housing \$156,169 (HOME)
Provided funding for 5 units of rental housing



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HOUSING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

HOUSING ACQUISITION & REHAB

Financial Assistance Program \$17,954 (CDBG)

Provided rehab assistance for 3 units of housing

Housing Accessibility \$11,769 (CDBG)

Provided 2 units with accessibility improvements



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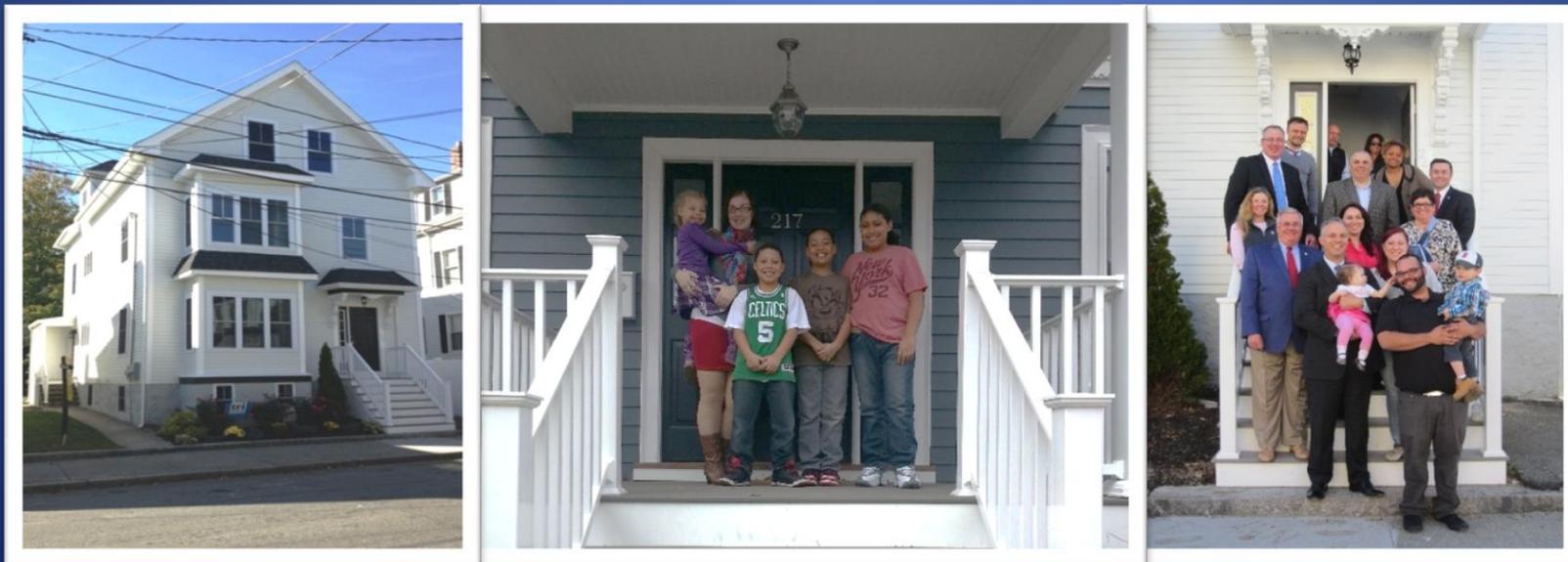


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HOUSING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FIRST TIME HOMEBUYERS



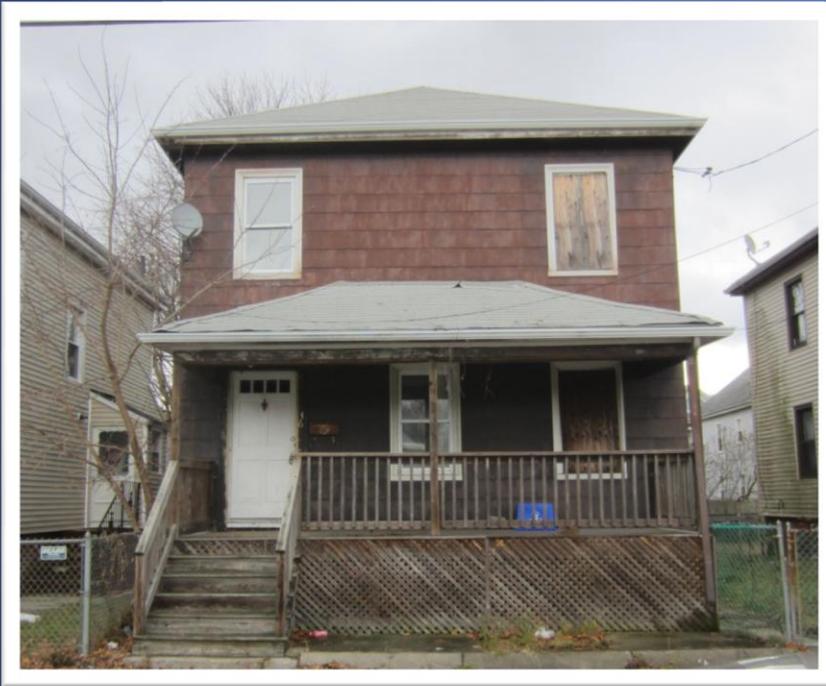
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THE RFP

1. What is an RFP?

It is a “Request for Proposals”; this is the way in which you can apply for funding from the city.

2. Where can you I access the RFP?

The RFP is available at the DPHCD offices, on the city’s website at this address: www.newbedford-ma.gov/community-development/ and will be available tonight.

3. How can I learn more about how to complete the RFP?

The City’s DPHCD will be conducting an RFP Workshop that you may attend:

CDBG at 9:00am

ESG at 10:00am

Friday, January 15, 2016

**Dept. of Planning, Housing and Community Development
608 Pleasant Street, 2nd Floor**

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THE RFP

THERE ARE **2** KINDS OF RFP PACKETS:

CDBG

RFP PACKET

ESG

RFP PACKET

EACH PACKET IS AVAILABLE IN **3** LOCATIONS:

CITY WEBSITE

www.newbedford-ma.gov/community-development/

**PUBLIC
MEETING
TONIGHT**

**DPHCD
OFFICES**

608 PLEASANT STREET
NEW BEDFORD, MA 02740

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THE RFP

THE RFP WORKSHOP WILL BE...

CDBG

9.00AM

ESG

10.00AM

FRIDAY JANUARY 15, 2016

**DPHCD
608 Pleasant Street
New Bedford MA 02740**

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City Wide Community Meetings:

Tuesday, January 12th at Carney Academy School 6pm – 7:30pm

Community Outreach Forum conducted to solicit input for the FY16 Action Plan; RFPs available

Wednesday, January 13th at OHCD 6pm – 7:30pm

Public meeting conducted to solicit input for the FY16 Action Plan; RFPs available

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Friday, January 15th

RFP Workshop to assist in developing a proposal (CDBG at 9:00am and ESG at 10:00am at DPHCD offices, 608 Pleasant Street, second floor)

Friday, February 12th 12 PM

Deadline for all proposals at the DPHCD, 608 Pleasant Street, second floor)

Friday, March 18th

Draft Action Plan 2016 published and distributed to public locations & Distribution of Plan to City Council

Friday, March 18th — Monday, April 25th

Thirty-day public comment period on Draft Action Plan 2016

Thursday, April 28th

Submittal to City Council for vote authorizing Action Plan 2016

Monday, May 2nd

Submission of Final Action Plan 2016 to HUD

Friday, July 1st

2016 CDBG, ESG, and HOME fiscal year begins

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So what do you think?

- Neighborhood Revitalization
- Affordable Housing
- Public Facilities
- Community Services
- Public Infrastructure
- Economic Development
- Homeless Facilities and Services
- Planning

What's needed?

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We are listening!



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Public services

Child care
Homeless assistance
Health/wellness
Crime awareness
Credit counseling
Legal assistance
Youth programs/services
Recreation
Services for the disabled
Substance abuse
Transportation
Educational programming

Housing

Rental/homeownership
New Construction
Green building/
Energy Efficiency
Elderly housing

Public facility improvements

Sewer and water Improvements
Handicap accessibility
Street/Sidewalk Improvements
Alternative Energy
Bike/walking paths
Community Centers
Parks and Recreation
Community/Senior Centers
Child Care
Community gardens/green space
Public Building renovations

Economic Development

Job creation/retention – loan pools
Job training
Business district improvements/development

Homeless

Permanent housing, shelter improvements, rental assistance

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION

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