

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF ALLENTOWN
ACTION PLAN
JULY 1, 2013 – JUNE 30, 2014

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires communities to develop a Consolidated Plan to receive funding through many federal housing and community development programs. In its Consolidated Plan, the City of Allentown estimated the housing needs of its extremely low-, low-, moderate-, and middle-income residents and assessed the availability of resources for addressing these needs. Based on this information, the City developed a five year strategic plan and is proposing a One Year Action Plan for meeting those needs. This One Year Action Plan will serve as the application for the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG) funds. Below are listed the proposed allocations, which serve as an outline for the 2013 - 2014 Action Plan.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Acquisition	\$250,000
Property Management	100,000
Site Clearance	200,000
Lead Grant Rehabilitation – Match	45,000
Program Delivery (includes Salaries to be Apportioned)	341,553
Allentown YMCA and YWCA	8,610
Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living	10,000

The Literacy Center	10,000
Lehigh County Conference of Churches – Daybreak	10,000
Grace Montessori School	10,000
The Baum School of Art	7,500
Communities In Schools	10,000
Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley	
Community Action Financial Services	10,000
Neighborhood Housing Services of the Lehigh Valley – HOOP	10,000
Boys and Girls Club of Allentown	10,000
St. Luke’s Neighborhood Center	10,000
Community Bike Works	10,000
Embrace Your Dreams	8,720
Allentown Public Library	7,500
Lehigh Carbon Community College	9,359
Syrian Arab American Charity Association	10,000
Program for Women and Families	10,000
Allentown Economic Development Corporation –	
Securing Industrial/Commercial Properties	10,000
Alliance Summer Recreation Program	5,500
Valley Youth House	10,000
Focus Area Employment Assistance	25,000
Neighborhood Public Improvements	320,000
Voluntary Relocation	50,000

Habitat for Humanity	50,000
Community Action Development Corporation of the Lehigh Valley	25,000
Allentown Economic Development Corporation – Economic Development/Job Creation Project	100,000
Economic Development	100,000
Administration	275,000
Fair Housing	<u>25,000</u>
TOTAL CDBG	\$2,093,742

HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)

Housing Association and Development Corporation – CHDO Activity	\$90,836
Administration	60,557
Housing Association and Development Corporation – CHDO Operating	15,000
Alliance for Building Communities – CHDO Operating	10,000
Alliance for Building Communities – CHDO Activity	89,053
Pennrose Properties – Cumberland Gardens Rehabilitation	400,000
Home Leasing – Madison Gardens	<u>439,178</u>
TOTAL HOME	\$ 1,104,624

Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG)

Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley – Sixth Street Shelter	\$ 45,200
Lehigh County Conference of Churches – Linkage	18,000
Salvation Army	44,492

Administration	14,651
Lehigh County Conference of Churches – Homelessness Prevention	50,000
Lehigh County Conference of Churches – Rapid Re-housing	<u>23,000</u>
TOTAL ESG	\$ 195,343

Also, pursuant to federal regulations, the City of Allentown’s Annual Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan may be amended provided it has given its citizens an opportunity to comment on the proposed changes. In accordance with the requirements of HUD, the City is proposing changes to its Twenty-ninth, Thirty-fifth, Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh years of the CDBG program. The unspent funds will be made available in the 2013-2014 year.

Twenty-Ninth Year (July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004)

*Reprograms \$14,146 of unspent funds in the Allentown Symphony Association program

*Reprograms \$37,388 of unspent funds in the Seventh Street Residential Façade program

*Reprograms \$1,995 of unspent funds in the Seventh Street Commercial Façade program

Thirty-Fifth Year (July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010)

*Reprograms \$15,000 of unspent funds in the Focus Area Sidewalk program

*Reprograms \$5,000 of unspent funds in the Old Fairgrounds Façade program

*Reprograms \$20,000 of unspent funds in the Voluntary Relocation program

*Reprograms \$8,119 of unspent funds in the Administration program

Thirty-Sixth Year (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011)

*Reprograms \$3,321 of unspent funds in the Hazard Elimination program

*Reprograms \$102 of unspent funds in the Program Delivery program

*Reprograms \$1,658 of unspent funds in the Focus Area Façade program

*Reprograms \$19,150 of unspent funds in the Administration program

*Reprograms \$5,601 of unspent funds in the Fair Housing program

Thirty-Seventh Year (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012)

*Reprograms \$10,000 of unspent funds in the Property Disposition program

*Reprograms \$416 of unspent funds in the Focus Area Rehabilitation program

*Reprograms \$65,249 of unspent funds in the Program Delivery program

*Reprograms \$2,972 of unspent funds in the Lehigh Carbon Community College program

*Reprograms \$102 of unspent funds in the Program for Women and Families program

*Reprograms \$12,480 of unspent funds in the Neighborhood Clean-up program

*Reprograms \$15,000 of unspent funds in the Foreclosure program

*Reprograms \$5,000 of unspent funds in the Voluntary Relocation program

*Reprograms \$954 of unspent funds in the Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley – Community Action Financial Services program

*Reprograms \$499,053 of unspent HOME funds in the Deferred Payment Loan program

Finally, the Action Plan legislation will be submitted to City Council and introduced on April 3, 2013. It is anticipated the legislation will be referred to a Community and Economic Development Committee meeting which will be determined at the April 3rd Council meeting, with final passage slated for May 1, 2013. City Council meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and are held in City Council Chambers, First Floor, City Hall, 435 Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA. Anyone interested in providing written comments may direct them to Sara Hailstone, Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development, City of Allentown, 435 Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA 18101. In addition, the City of Allentown will hold public hearings to receive comments on the plan. These hearings will be held Tuesday, April 9th at 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, First Floor of City Hall, 435 Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA 18101. Any written comments must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30, 2013. Please call Heidi K. Baer, HUD Grants Manager at 610-437-7761 if you have any questions or require additional information.

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