

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF ALLENTOWN
ACTION PLAN
JULY 1, 2014 – JUNE 30, 2015

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 2014 - 2015 Action Plan.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Acquisition	\$250,000
Property Disposition and Management	200,000
Site Clearance	200,000
Hazard Loan Program	100,000
Lead Grant Rehabilitation – Match	45,000
Program Delivery (includes Salaries to be Apportioned)	145,000
Allentown YMCA and YWCA	9,567

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
Youth Education in the Arts	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
Family Answers – Ways to Work	7,500
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	8,888
Allentown Public Library	10,000
Lehigh Carbon Community College	9,684
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
Lehigh County Conference of Churches – Daybreak	18,000
Neighborhood Public Improvements	330,495
Front Street Development Project	100,000
Neighborhood Housing Services of the Lehigh Valley – CPP Program	100,000
Syrian Arab American Charity Association – Building Restoration	10,000
Habitat for Humanity	150,000
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	365,000
Fair Housing	<u>25,000</u>
TOTAL CDBG	\$2,497,134

HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)

Administration	\$ 73,345
Alliance for Building Communities – CHDO Operating	15,000
Alliance for Building Communities – CHDO Activity	110,002
HOME Program Project	<u>535,000</u>
TOTAL HOME	\$ 733,347

Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG)

Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley – Sixth Street Shelter	\$ 29,000
Allentown Rescue Mission	29,000
Salvation Army	29,000
Administration	10,639
Lehigh County Conference of Churches – Rapid Re-housing	<u>44,222</u>
TOTAL ESG	\$ 141,861

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 Thirty-fifth, Thirty-sixth, Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth years of the CDBG program. The unspent funds will be made available in the 2014-2015 year.

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

*Reprograms \$18,700 of unspent funds in the Old Allentown Preservation Association program

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

*Reprograms \$1,493 of unspent funds in the self-forgiving loan program

*Reprograms \$2,098 of unspent funds in the Turning Point program

*Reprograms \$780 of unspent funds in the Redevelopment Authority program

*Reprograms \$934 of unspent funds in the Planning program

Thirty-seventh Year (July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012)

*Reprograms \$1,427 of unspent funds in the Ways to Work program

Thirty-eighth Year (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013)

*Reprograms \$1,212 of unspent funds in the Next Steps to Success program

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

Finally, the Action Plan legislation will be submitted to City Council and introduced on April 2, 2014. It is anticipated the legislation will be referred to a Community and Economic Development Committee meeting which will be determined at the April 2nd Council meeting, with final passage slated for April 16, 2014. 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 Thursday, April 10th at 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 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 Wednesday, April 16, 2014. Please call Heidi K. Baer, HUD Grants Manager at 610-437-7761 if you have any questions or require additional information.

Morning Call Display Ad

For: Allentown Edition

Please Bill: Account #207-69
City of Allentown
Department of Community Development
CDBG, Third Floor
435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, PA 18101