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Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program funding awards for 2020.

SCRANTON - The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides annual grants on a formula basis to entitled cities and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. The city of Scranton is a direct recipient of these federal funds. The Office of Economic and Community Development through a request for proposal process, annually funds programs and initiatives that align with the goals of the program and the city of Scranton.

“The City benefits greatly from the Community Development Block Grant program. Thank you to Citizens Advisory Committee and the team in OECD for their work in leading the CDBG process.” said Mayor Paige Gebhardt Cagnetti “Thank you to the community partners who do so much for the residents of Scranton.”

The following are the programs and initiatives that are funded for 2020

### **Community Development Block Grant:**

The federal **Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) program provides funding for community and economic development projects** to encourage additional federal, state, and private resources. Communities receiving CDBG funds use those grants to provide safe and sanitary housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities.

- **City of Scranton OECD: Sidewalks and Streetscape improvements**
  - ✚ The administration and coordination for the design and construction of new public sidewalks with ADA ramps, streetscape, and lighting improvements that will serve to increase economic development in selected areas within the City of Scranton
    - Funded: \$255,465
  
- **City of Scranton OECD: Re-construction of city streets including installation of ADA curb ramps**
  - ✚ The administration and coordination for the design and reconstruction of public streets with ADA ramps (approx. 50-75 average city blocks)
    - Funded: \$500,000



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- **City of Scranton OECD: McLain Park Improvements**
  - + Administration and coordination for the design and reconstruction of the basketball court, construction of a park pavilion and installation of security cameras
    - Funded: \$204,500
  
- **St. Joseph's Center: Mother- Infant Program**
  - + The Center provides individuals and families who have special needs the opportunity to develop their abilities and potential to the fullest extent possible through residential, community and home-based services, outpatient therapy, and maternity/family and adoption services
    - Funded: \$25,000
  
- **United Neighborhood Centers of NEPA (UNC)**
  - + Illumination Youth Arts
    - Provides low income, at-risk youth, ages 5-18, with artistic education and experience during after-school hours.
    - Funded: \$20,000
  - + Project Hope
    - Provides low income children of the City of Scranton, ages 5-12, through summer camp that meets educational, nutritional, and recreational needs
    - Funded: \$80,000
  - + SCOLA Learning Center
    - Provides adult literacy and English as a Second Language classes to resident of the City of Scranton
    - Funded: \$20,000
  - + Condemnation Assistance Program
    - Provides on call, 24-7 case management and emergency assistance to individuals displaced through the City of Scranton's Code Enforcement Program
    - Funded: \$40,000
  
- **Catherine McAuley Center**
  - + Rapid Re-Housing: 6 months of case management support and rental assistance as 3 women and their children move toward permanent housing
    - Funded: \$12,000



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- **Boys and Girls Clubs of NEPA**
  - + Security System Project: installation of a new comprehensive security system of the building to keep kids, staff, and community safe.
    - Funded: \$77,798
- **Scranton Lackawanna Human Development Agency (SLHDA)**
  - + Head Start Center: replace outdated surface area and playground equipment at 637-639 Madison Ave.
    - Funded: \$85,000
  - + Weatherization Program: Providing 45 homes in Scranton eligible to receive weatherization services under LIHEAP
    - Funded: \$80,000
- **Catholic Social Services (CSS)**
  - + St. Anthony's Haven: renovation of 4 rooms utilized by homeless individuals
    - Funded: \$93,672
- **City of Scranton: Licensing, Inspections, and Permits**
  - + Demolition of Hazardous Structures: demolition and disposal of blighted and abandoned properties in the City of Scranton
    - Funded: \$225,000
- **Women's Resource Center (WRC)**
  - + Public Facility Improvement Project: replacement of parking areas to include the installation of a retaining wall and a rain garden for storm water protection
    - Funded: \$100,000
- **Connell Park**
  - + Demolition of pool house and concession stand, add fence, have park handicap accessible, and create playground update
    - Funded: \$150,000

### **Emergency Solutions Grant**

Emergency Solutions Grant addresses the needs of homeless people in emergency or transitional shelters to assisting people to quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness.



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- **St. Joseph's Center**
  - + Walsh Manor: An emergency shelter for women who are experience homelessness while pregnant
    - Funded: \$21,600
  
- **Catholic Social Services (CSS)**
  - + Emergency Shelter: provides 26 homeless adult men and women shelter 7 days per week and 365 days per year
    - Funded: \$45,000
  
- **United Neighborhood Centers of NEPA (UNC)**
  - + HMIS: Homeless Management Information System training and operation
    - Funded: 10,000
  - + Rapid Re-Housing: assisting families with re-housing and stabilization services through case management, assistance with housing search and placement, as well as financial support with rental assistance
    - Funded: \$28,000
  
- **Community Intervention Center (CIC)**
  - + Rapid Re-Housing: assisting families with re-housing and stabilization services through case management, assistance with housing search and placement, as well as financial support with rental assistance
    - Funded: \$10,000
  - + Emergency Day Shelter: provides temporary mailing address, contact board, dedicated client telephone service, storage, shower and laundry, meals, crisis intervention, medical, housing, employment, etc.
    - Funded: \$17,598
  
- **Catherine McAuley Center (CMC)**
  - + Rapid Re-Housing: assisting families with re-housing and stabilization services through case management, assistance with housing search and placement, as well as financial support with rental assistance
    - Funded: \$12,000
  - + Emergency Shelter: Helps homeless women and children move towards independence in housing and their own lives (job hunting, transportation, education sessions, etc.)
    - Funded: \$28,000
  
- **Women's Resource Center (WRC)**



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- ✚ Emergency Shelter: provides safe housing for survivors of domestic and or sexual violence
  - Funded: \$27,763
- ✚ Rapid Re-Housing: assisting survivors of domestic and or sexual violence with housing
  - Funded: \$17,755
- ✚ Homeless Prevention
  - Funded: \$500

### HOME

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) HOME program is a **housing block grant program** used to preserve and create affordable housing for low-income households.

- **2020 HOME CHDO**
  - ✚ CHDO is a non-profit community based organization that has staff with capacity to develop affordable housing for the community it serves. At least 15% of HOME funds must be set aside for CHDO. OECD will bid CHDO funding out
    - Funded: \$96,509
- **Homebuyer Program**
  - ✚ To assist income eligible homebuyers purchase homes in the City of Scranton providing assistance with down payment and closing costs (now implemented by NeighborWorks and funded by OECD
    - Funded: \$131,200
- **Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation Program**
  - ✚ Rehabilitation of homes for income eligible individuals/families located in the City of Scranton to comply with City Codes
    - Funded: \$131,200
- **Scranton Lackawanna Resources Development Corp. (SLRDC)**
  - ✚ 2428 N. Main Ave: Construction of 3-4 bedroom home in the City of Scranton to be sold at price under \$130,000 and provide an affordable housing option
    - Funded: \$107,599
- **NeighborWorks**



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- Property Renovation: TBD #2021-1: Renovation to bring property up to code and eliminate a potential source of light in a particular Scranton neighborhood
  - Funded: \$112,545