

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) For The "Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program" (HPRP) And Community Development Block Grant – Recovery (CDBG-R)

Notice is hereby given that the City of Scranton's Office of Economic and Community Development (OECD) is soliciting public comment for the following; 1) substantial amendment to the City of Scranton's Consolidated Plan and the 2008 Annual Action Plan for new funding under Title XII of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("Recovery Act") for the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) and the Community Development Block Grant – Recovery (CDBG-R).

The Public Hearing will be held on **Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at 4:00 P.M.** in Scranton City Council Chambers, City Hall, 340 North Washington Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503.

The Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Plan/ Action Plan 2008 will guide the use of \$1,401,868 of Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) funding to provide financial assistance and services to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless and help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized. Funding comes from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

It also guides the use of the Community Development Block Grant – Recovery (CDBG-R) funding in the amount of \$916,485. HUD is expected to issue a CDBG-R Notice to provide additional guidelines and requirements for the use of the CDBG-R funding in the near future.

Citizens are encouraged to review and comment on this proposed substantial amendment. The amendment is available for review and comment from Thursday, April 23, 2009 through Monday, May 11, 2009. Comments received will be taken into consideration prior to adoption of the proposed amendment. The Public can review the substantial amendment online at www.scrantonpa.gov/oecd.html or calling OECD at 570/348-4216.

Comments must be in writing and must be received by the Office of Economic and Community Development (OECD), 538 Spruce Street, Suite 812, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503 no later than 4:30 P.M. on Monday, May 11, 2009 or email to oecd@scrantonpa.gov.

ADA Notice: The City of Scranton strives to provide access to all members of the public. City/OECD will make reasonable accommodations to make it possible for you to come and be active in the public hearing. If you need assistance such as a sign language interpreter, please contact OECD at 570/348-4216 (voice) or 570/346-5928 (TDD/TTY) at least three days prior to the hearing.

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