



Office of Economic and
Community Development

May 22, 2014

The Scranton Times/Tribune
Penn Avenue and Spruce Street
Scranton, PA 18503

**Re: City of Scranton
2013 Community Development Block Grant Program
Substantial Amendment
Public Notice**

Please insert the enclosed **PUBLIC NOTICE** in the **(General Circulation Section – Non-Legal Section)** of the Scranton Times on the following day:

Tuesday, May 27, 2014

This office is requesting a notarized invoice indicating the date the Public Notice appeared in your newspaper. Please include on the invoice the **PROJECT TITLE** as listed above and forward the notarized invoice to **THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, Scranton City Hall, 340 North Washington Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503.** Please be aware that the notarized invoice we are requesting is not in lieu of the billing invoice that is sent to this address. The billing invoice should include a tear sheet and project title and number as listed above. **BILL TO OECD ACCOUNT #11859.**

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at 348-4216.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda B. Aebli".

Linda B. Aebli
Executive Director

PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Scranton Office of Economic and Community Development

Notice of a Substantial Amendment for the Community Development Block Grant Program

Notice is hereby given for a 30 day public comment period to review the proposed Substantial Amendment to the City of Scranton's 2013 Action Plans to ensure that citizens have the opportunity to comment before said amendment is implemented. The public comment period is from May 27, 2014 to June 25, 2014.

The purpose of this Substantial Amendment is to fund Unplanned Repayments of Section 108 Loan Guarantees for the years 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2013. Several activities for the years 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013 will be required to be eliminated, reduced or transferred to the 2013 Action Plan. The total amount of the substantial amendment to be funded is \$1,662,043.98.

Over the last three (3) years Scranton's Office of Economic and Community Development has developed and implemented new operational Policies and Procedures that have resulted in greater transparency and increased efficiencies in administering the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Programs. The new procedures eventually identified a deficiency in Scranton's Federal Line of Credit in the amount of \$1,662,043.98. As a result of the increased operational efficiencies, it became apparent to Scranton's Office of Economic and Community Development (OECD) that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) had taken money from the Scranton's Line of Credit to pay Section 108 Loan Guarantees in 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2013. Through contractual agreements the City of Scranton through our Community Development Block Grant Program guarantees the Section 108 loan payments as required by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Therefore, this Substantial Amendment is required.

The following payments were taken by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Section 108 Loan Guarantee payments:

1998	Miscellaneous. Adjustment		\$ 15.00
1998	Return to U. S. Treasury		\$ (28,416.75)
1999	B-91-MC-42-0014	Steamtown Mall Partners	\$ 236,580.87
2000	B-91-MC-42-0014	Steamtown Mall Partners	\$ 546,073.62
2001	B-91-MC-42-0014	Steamtown Mall Partners	\$ 215,170.71
2001	B-91-MC-42-0014	City of Scranton	\$ 54,029.29
2001	B-91-MC-42-0014	City of Scranton	\$ (1,582.35)
2001	B-91-MC-42-0014A	Globe Store	\$ 25,988.00
2002	Adjustment for Interest Due		\$ 342.65
2013	B-91-MC-42-0014	Steamtown Mall Partners	\$ 613,842.94
			<u>\$1,662,043.98</u>

All written comments must be received by the City of Scranton's Office of Economic and Community Development, Municipal Building, 340 North Washington Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503 no later than **Wednesday, June 25, 2014**. Substantial Amendments to the City of Scranton's Action Plans can be made only after the public has been notified of the City's intent to modify it and after the 30 day comment period from the date of this publication to review and comment on the proposed Substantial Amendment to it. The Substantial Amendment must be approved by Scranton City Council prior to submitting to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. HUD has 45 days to approve the Substantial Amendment and only after can the City of Scranton execute contracts with their Sub-recipients and funds can be expended.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact the City of Scranton's Office of Economic and Community Development at 570/348-4216 or mail your comments to City of Scranton's Office of Economic and Community Development, Municipal Building, 340 North Washington Avenue Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503. The telecommunication device for the hearing impaired may be accessed by calling 570/348-4233. The full Substantial Amendments can be accessed by going to the OECD Department page at the City of Scranton web site: www.scrantonpa.gov or contacting OECD for a copy.

Linda B. Aebli
Executive Director
Office of Economic and Community Development

William L. Courtright
Mayor
City of Scranton, Pennsylvania