

# PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF SCRANTON PROPOSED FOURTH YEAR ACTION PLAN January 1, 2013- December 31, 2013

The City of Scranton is required to develop a Fourth Year Action Plan of proposed activities to be funded through the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This Action Plan covers the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 and activities must be consistent with the needs and objectives identified in the City of Scranton's Five Year Consolidated Plan principally for extremely low, low, and moderate income families. Anticipated FY 2013 allocations total \$2,860,000.00 and are as follows:

**CD BG - \$ 2,200,000.00**  
**HOME - \$ 400,000.00**  
**ESG - \$ 260,000.00**

The City's Proposed Fourth Year Action Plan is available for review at the following locations:

- Office of the Mayor, Municipal Building
- Office of Economic and Community Development (OECD), Municipal Building 1 5th Floor
- Office of the City Clerk, Municipal Building
- Office of City Controller, Municipal Building

A public hearing to receive citizen comments on the proposed plan will be scheduled by Scranton City Council. Those unable to attend the hearing may submit their comments to Office of Economic and Community Development, City Hall, 340 North Washington Avenue, Scranton PA 18503. All comments must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 23, 2012. The 2013 Action Plan must be received by HUD no later than Thursday, November 15, 2012.

### STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES

- Elimination of slums and blight
- Elimination of conditions that are detrimental to health, safety and public welfare
- Conservation and expansion of the nation's housing stock

- Better utilization of land and other natural resources
- Reduction of the isolation of income groups within communities and geographical areas
- Restoration and preservation of properties of special value
- Alleviation of physical and economic distress
- Conservation of the nation's scarce energy resources

### HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACTIVITIES

- By this Notice, the City of Scranton invited parties who may have an interest in activities which may impact historic resources to make themselves known so that we can involve them in notification and review process of the National Advisory Council on Historic Preservation as set forth in the 36 CFR Part 800. We request that all interested parties identify themselves no later than Friday October 26, 2012 in order to be included in such notification.

### ENVIRONMENTAL NOTIFICATION

- By this Notice the City of Scranton invites parties who may have an interest in receiving notification regarding the environmental finding and/or request to release of funds regarding any or all of the activities listed in Part IV of the Consolidated Plan. To be included in the notification process we request interested parties identify themselves and the activities in which they are interested no later than Friday October 26, 2012.

### LIST OF PROJECTS IS ATTACHED

The following is the list of applications received by OECD and will be pending City Council's approval for program year 2013 which is the fourth year of the City of Scranton's current Five Year Consolidated Plan. For the full proposed activities log on to [www.scrantonpa.gov](http://www.scrantonpa.gov)

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Mayor

## 2013 Applications Received (Estimated Amount - \$2,200,000.00) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Application Name	Application Name	Project Description	Applicant's Requested Amt
Lackawanna Neighbors, Inc.	City-Wide Housing Acquisition & Rehab Project	Acquisition, lead abatement & re-habilitation of 6 blighted, vacant homes in Scranton neighborhoods	\$500,000.00
EDTC Employment Opportunity & Training Center of NEPA	Adult Literacy Remediation	EDTC will provide Adult literacy/Basic Education and GED preparation for low-income residents. Also will include a job search/job retention component	\$65,000.00
City of Scranton OECD	Administration CDBG Program 20%	Administration CDBG Program 20%	\$440,000.00
City of Scranton OECD	Section 109	Payment of Section 109 Loan - Hilton Hotel	\$21,000.00
City of Scranton OECD	Section 108	Payment of section 108 Loan - Steamtown Mall Partners	\$227,000.00
Deafish Institute	Inclusion recreation activities for elderly and disabled	Development of community support & accessibility to services that promote inclusion & employment to disabled & elderly	\$40,000.00
City of Scranton Police Department	Neighborhood Police Patrols	Funding for two (2) full line neighborhood Police Patrol Officers	\$225,000.00
Meals on Wheels of NEPA	Feed Physically & or Mentally Challenged Young Adults	Alleviation of waiting list for 18 young adult home delivered meal clients who are mentally or physically challenged.	\$26,000.00
Catherine Mc Auley Center	Transitional Housing for women & children	Program assists the homeless or victims of domestic abuse women & children with apartments, case management and education training.	\$10,000.00
Saint Joseph's Center	Mother Infant Program	A transitional housing program providing supervised apartment living & case management to 5 homeless families at a time, preparing them to live independently.	\$5,000.00
Neighborhood Works of NEPA	Scranton Home Ownership Preservation Program	To assist city residents facing issues of mortgage delinquency and foreclosure	\$10,000.00
Healthy Northeast	Advanced Mental Health Planning and Service	Improving the overall health, development, safety and well-being of adolescents (14 to 24 years old)	\$20,000.00
City of Scranton LPS	Demolition of Hazardous Structures	Demolition and Disposal of Blighted Properties throughout the City of Scranton	\$500,000.00
Drass for Success, Lackawanna	Steps to Success	The funding will assist low-income women transition into the workforce by providing tools necessary for job preparation & retention	\$25,000.00
Scranton Tomorrow	Main Street Facade	Fostering and supporting economic revitalization in downtown Scranton.	\$10,000.00
Scranton Tomorrow	Main Street Scranton Business District Master Plan	Provide small business seminars, a facade program and facilitating City Pride Beautification Projects	\$60,000.00
City of Scranton Bureau of Fire	Incident Command Vehicle (Car 21)	Purchase of a new incident command vehicle	\$55,000.00
Boys & Girls Club of NEPA	Park II Program	Utilizes 4 Scranton School District sites in low/moderate income areas in all section of the city to run neighborhood versions or the Club's programming.	\$52,195.00
Boys & Girls Club of NEPA	Sidewalk & Stair Renovation	Remove and replace deteriorating concrete sidewalks at the front entrance of the Club. These sidewalks were constructed in 1973 and are in serious need of replacement	\$64,778.00
City of Scranton DPW	Lackawanna Bridge Upgrade	New sidewalks on either side of bridge, New curbing & new decorative safety lighting.	\$500,000.00
City of Scranton Parks & Rec.	Horizontal, Copose & Weston Field Pools	Removal or old non-functional bathhouses, lining in all pools, creation of cost & energy saving splash parks	\$750,000.00
West Scranton UDE League	Fence Replacement	Repair and replace all fencing and gates that pose a safety and or injury risk to over 400 children using the facility	\$50,000.00
City of Scranton OECD	Economic Development Projects	Administration & re-orientation of City of Scranton OECD Small Business Program to benefit low/moderate income persons through job creation where 51% of positions created are held by low/moderate income persons.	\$500,000.00
United Neighborhood Centers of NEPA	Bellview Youth Program	To continue to operate an after school/evening teen program at the Bellview Center	\$15,000.00
United Neighborhood Centers of NEPA	SCOLA Literacy Program	Continue and expand the tutor program of the SCOLA Learning Center, thus being able to provide adult literacy and English as a Second Language classes	\$20,000.00
United Neighborhood Centers of NEPA	Project Hope Summer Camp	To serve over 500 low-income children from the City of Scranton ages 5-12 through a 5 week summer camp ensuring educational, recreation & nutritional needs.	\$80,000.00
City of Scranton DPW	City of Scranton Paving	Paving to be continued in low to moderate income neighborhoods. Streets to be paved according to need	\$2,000,000.00
United Neighborhood Centers of NEPA	Condensation Assistance Program	Provide on-call case management 24 hr. day 7 days a week 365 days a year to households displaced through the City of Scranton's Code Enforcement Program.	\$150,000.00
United Neighborhood Centers of NEPA	Permanent Supportive Housing	Providing chronically homeless; individuals with intensive case management and assist them with furnished apartments in the City of Scranton	\$10,000.00
Repayment to HUD		Repayment to HUD for a disallowed cost for damage to a roof in Central Business District	\$49,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$6,480,473.00</b>

## 2013 Proposed Funding-HOME FUNDING (Estimated amount \$400,000.00)

Applicant Name	Project Name	Project Description	Requested Amount
City of Scranton OECD	City of Scranton Homebuyer Program	Help qualified homebuyers purchase homes by providing a subsidy for down payments and pay all eligible closing costs up to \$12,000.00	\$150,000.00
City of Scranton OECD	City of Scranton-Home Admin	In accordance with HOME rules up to 10% of each years allocations are to be used to cover administrative and planning costs	\$60,000.00
City of Scranton OECD	CHDO	A Community Housing Development Organization designed to develop affordable housing for the community it serves	\$150,000.00
Lackawanna Neighbors, Inc.	City-Wide Housing Acquisition & Rehab Project	Rehabilitate a total of 6 substandard homes and make them affordable to families of modest means	\$500,000.00
United Neighborhood Community Development Corporation	Cedar Neighborhood Revitalization	Purchase demolish and construct or rehabilitate for sale and rental apartments to families at or below 80% of the AMI	\$100,000.00
Neighborhood Works of NEPA	Homebuyer Counseling Program 2013	A pre-purchase counseling and education program for participants in the City of Scranton's Homebuyer Program.	\$6,000.00
Neighborhood Works of NEPA	City of Scranton HOME Rehabilitation Program	Involves the rehabilitation of existing owner-occupied homes to homeowners at or below the 80% Area Median Income.	\$250,000.00
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$1,216,000.00</b>

## 2013 Proposed Funding-HESG FUNDING (Estimated \$260,000.00)

Applicant Name	Project Name	Project Description	Proposed Amount
Catherine Mc Auley Center	Emergency Family & Support Program	This program works to move women & children from homelessness to some degree of independence through intensive case management	\$44,534.00
Community Intervention Center	Homeless Day Shelter/Street Outreach/Prevention Program	To provide comprehensive services with a goal to obtain housing stability. The goal of Street Outreach is to provide housing alternatives to the resistant homeless. Prevention Program assists individuals on the verge of homelessness	\$33,533.00
Saint Joseph's Center	Waldh Manor Shelter & Rapid Re-Housing	Provides a supportive environment to pregnant and homeless women also assists families to obtain decent housing.	\$28,533.00
Catholic Social Services of Scranton, PA	St. James Manor Supportive Housing	Transitional housing for 12 homeless veterans & 4 non-veterans	\$9,000.00
Catholic Social Services of Scranton, PA	Eviction Prevention Program	Case management and eviction prevention funding for families facing eviction or homelessness	\$14,533.00
Catholic Social Services of Scranton, PA	Veterans Homeless Program	Eight (8) bed Transitional Housing for up to 24 months for homeless veterans.	\$9,000.00
Catholic Social Services of Scranton, PA	St. Anthony's Haven Men's & Women's Shelter	Emergency homeless shelter providing nightly services to 24 adult men and women 7 days a week 365 days a year	\$34,000.00
United Neighborhood Centers of NEPA	Transitional Housing & Case Management for Homeless Prevention	Provide a suitable living environment by increasing access to quality public/private facilities & services also assist homeless persons to obtain affordable housing	\$32,000.00
Women's Resource Center	Safe-House & Homeless Prevention/Rapid Re-Housing for Victims of DVSA	To provide a suitable living environment for those at imminent risk of violence, also to provide short term rental assistance to those who have fled domestic violence	\$46,533.00
City of Scranton	Administration	Administration for City/OECD to oversee the ESG Program (7.5%)	\$19,500.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>			<b>\$271,166.00</b>