

Scranton, Pennsylvania
Office of Economic and Community Development
2015 – 2019 Consolidated Plan

Dear Scrantonian:

April 1, 2014

The City of Scranton through the Office of Economic and Community Development (OECD) is preparing the City's 2015 – 2019 Consolidated Plan. The Five (5) Year Consolidated Plan is a document submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that serves as the planning guide for Scranton funded under the Community Planning and Development (CPD) formula to include grant programs. The grant programs Scranton receives are:

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)
Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG)

The Five (5) Year Consolidated Plan provides an assessment of the housing and community development needs; a strategic plan for addressing these needs; and a specific one year Action Plan for 2015; and the use of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grants funds. The Five Year Plan is a document submitted to HUD with the intention to identify, and project, the comprehensive housing affordability strategy and community development for the next five years.

The 2015-2019 Five (5) Consolidated Plan (Plan) is a detailed illustration of community development issues in the City of Scranton and includes a directory of community services and proposed funding activities that address community priorities. The City is mandated to submit this Plan to HUD, in an effort to remain eligible for Federal Funds.

This Plan is the direct result of the collaborative efforts of the City and other public and private agencies. Based on the input provided, the Plan strategies focus on the following six parts:

General strategies
Housing Needs (Housing Market Analysis and Statement of Housing Priority Needs)
Description of Homeless Needs and Priorities
General Community Development Needs and Priorities
Non-Homeless Special Needs Populations and Priorities
Annual Action Plan – Fiscal Year 2015.

Scranton is asking for your help to complete the enclosed questionnaire to provide your input on ideas and opinions on the future of the City's community development, housing and homeless projects and goals. You may also utilize a fillable version at the Department's Web Site <http://www.scrantonpa.gov/oecd.html>

Please fill out and email to tpreambo@scrantonpa.gov or return no later than **Friday, June 6, 2014** to:

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340 North Washington Avenue
Municipal Building
Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503

Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated and if you have any questions concerning the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, please do not hesitate to contact this office at 570/348-4216.

Sincerely,
Linda B. Aebli,
Executive Director