

**PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF SCRANTON
PROPOSED FIFTH YEAR ACTION PLAN
JANUARY 1, 2014 – DECEMBER 31, 2014**

The City of Scranton is required to develop a Fifth 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 Solution Grant Program (ESG) administered by the U. s. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This Action Plan covers the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 and activities must be consistent with the needs and objectives notified in the City of Scranton's Five Year Consolidated Plan principally for extremely low to moderate income families. Anticipated allocations total \$2,960,000.00 as follows:

CDBG	-	\$2,400,000.00
HOME	-	\$ 400,000.00
ESG	-	\$ 160,000.00

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

**Office of Economic and Community Development (OECD)
Office of the City Clerk, Municipal Building
Office of City Controller, Municipal Building
www.scrantonpa.gov/OECD**

This Public Hearing is 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 the Office of Economic and Community Development, Municipal Building, 340 N. Washington Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503. All comments must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 24, 2013. The 2014 Action Plan must be received by HUD no later than Thursday, November 15, 2013.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES

- Elimination of slums and blight
- Elimination of conditions that is 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
- 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 Thursday, October 24, 2013 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 Thursday, October 24, 2013.

LIST OF PROJECTS IS ATTACHED

The following is the list of applications received by the City of Scranton/OECD. Scranton City Council selects and approves activities for program year 2014 which is the Fifth Year of the City of Scranton's Five Year Consolidated Plan.

Linda B. Aebli
Executive Director

Christopher A. Doherty
Mayor

2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Projected Funding for 2014 - \$2,400,000.00			
Applicant Name	Project Name	Project Description	Applicant's Proposed Amt.
City of Scranton Dept. of Licensing, Inspections and Permits	Demolition of Hazardous Structures	Demolition and Disposal of Blighted Properties Throughout the City	\$500,000.00
City of Scranton-OECD	Economic Development Activities	To benefit low to moderate income persons through job creation where 51% of the positions created are held by low/mod persons	\$200,000.00
United Neighborhood Centers of NEPA	SCOLA Adult Literacy Program	To provide adult literacy and English as a second language classes to residents of the City	\$20,000.00
United Neighborhood Centers of NEPA	Project Hope Summer Camp	To serve over 500 low income children from the City ages 5-12, for five weeks through a summer camp providing education, recreation and nutritional needs	\$80,000.00
United Neighborhood Centers of NEPA	Permanent Supportive Housing Program	Provide chronically homeless individuals with case management and assist them with furnished apartments in Scranton	\$10,000.00
United Neighborhood Centers of NEPA	Bellevue Youth Program	Evening/after-school teen program at the Bellevue Community Center	\$15,000.00
United Neighborhood Centers of NEPA	Condemnation Assistance Program	On Call case management to persons displaced through the City of Scranton's Code Enforcement	\$150,000.00
Lackawanna Neighbors, Inc.	City-Wide Housing Acquisition and Rehabilitation Project	Acquisition, lead abatement and rehabilitation of six blighted, vacant homes in Scranton	\$500,000.00
Plot Neighborhood Association	Grace Street Playground Improvements	To make improvements to public facility for increased handicapped accessibility and safety	\$25,000.00
City of Scranton-OECD	Re-Construction to the Capouse and Marion Street Parking Lot	Re-construction of a public parking lot Street improvements that will provide for ADA compliance and accessibility	\$70,000.00
Deutsch Institute	Inclusion activities at City sponsored recreation for persons w/ disability and elderly	Development of Community Support and accessibility to services that promote inclusion and employment for persons with disabilities and the elderly in the City	\$40,000.00
City of Scranton-OECD	Section 108 Loan Payment Scranton Hotel (Hilton)	Payment of 2015 Section 108 Loan	\$21,500.00
City of Scranton-OECD	Section 108 Loan Payment Steamtown Mall Partners	Payment of 2015 Section 108 Loan	\$270,000.00
Northeast Suicide Prevention Initiative	Children's Grief Support Program	To cover the cost of a five-week program to provide support to low and moderate income children who are residents of the City who have lost a loved one through suicide	\$11,000.00
City of Scranton-Department of Public Works	West Lackawanna Bridge Upgrades	New sidewalks on either side of the bridge, new curbing and new decorative safety lighting	\$200,000.00
City of Scranton-OECD	CDBG Administration	OECD must use 20% of the allocations for Admin Costs	\$480,000.00
City of Scranton Police Department	Neighborhood Police Patrol	Hiring of five full time Community Development Officers to serve low-moderate income neighborhoods	\$309,404.10
EOTC	Sidewalk/Lighting	Replace sidewalks and add outdoor lighting in front of its property	\$82,460.00
EOTC	Adult Workplace Literacy	Provide a Workplace Literacy Program for hard to reach low/moderate income residents at high risk of poverty and homelessness	\$65,000.00
Women's Resource Center	Safety and Security Upgrades	Convert entry doors from keys to a swipe card system. Replace carpeting/ new sidewalks installed	\$25,832.00

Catherine McAuley Center	Permanent Supportive Housing Program	To assist 7 chronically homeless families with at least one member having disabilities with case management, life skills and job creation	\$10,000.00
Saint Joseph's Center	Mother Infant Program	Support services to 5 homeless families to prepare them to move into permanent housing and live independently	\$5,000.00
Boys and Girls Club of NEPA	First Floor Interior Renovation Project	To renovate the first floor interior space by removing and replacing existing floor, painting of walls and ceiling and new energy efficient electrical fixtures	\$180,256.00
Boys and Girls Club of NEPA	Energy Efficient Window Replacement	Replace the current 68 exterior windows in the building with new energy efficient windows.	\$191,127.00
Dress for Success	Tools for Success	Assist low income women transitioning into the workforce by providing the tools and skills for job preparation and retention	\$25,725.00
Boys and Girls Club of NEPA	Park it Program	Benefits boys and girls ages 6-18 residing in Scranton.	\$52,281.00
Pinebrook Neighborhood Association	Penn Ridge Swimming Complex	Roof Replacement, filling of pool cracks, painting, bath facilities and painting building	\$185,000.00
City of Scranton-DPW	Paving 2014	Paving and curb cuts in low to moderate income neighborhoods	\$1,200,000.00
Catholic Social Services	Financial Education Project	Loan pool to begin Financial Education Project	\$10,000.00
NeighborWorks of NEPA	Scranton Home Ownership Preservation Program 2014	NeighborWorks will assist City residents facing issues of mortgage delinquency and foreclosure	\$10,000.00
Scranton Tomorrow	Main Street Pride Part of City Admin Expense	Provides technical support to our community including free small business seminars and facilitating City Pride Beatification Program	\$20,000.00
Scranton Tomorrow	Main Street Façade	A façade grant/loan program	\$15,000.00

2014 HOME Funding Projected Funding for 2014 - \$400,000.00			
Applicant Name	Project Name	Project Description	Applicant's Proposed Amt.
City of Scranton-OECD	2014 HOME Admin	10% of each years allocations are to be used to cover administrative and planning costs, in accordance with HOME rules	\$50,000.00
City of Scranton-OECD	Housing Rehabilitation Program	Rehabilitate homes in the City of Scranton to comply with the City Code. This is an income-eligible project.	\$300,000.00
City of Scranton-OECD	Homebuyer Assistance Program	Help income qualified homebuyers purchase homes in the City of Scranton by providing assistance with down payment and closing costs	\$75,000.00
City of Scranton-OECD	2014 CHDO	Designated to develop affordable housing for the community it serves. 15% of HOME allocations must be set aside for CHDO	\$75,000.00
Lackawanna Neighbors, Inc.	City-Wide Housing Acquisition and Rehabilitation Project	Acquiring and rehabilitate homes for sale to income-eligible individuals and families in blighted neighborhoods	\$300,000.00
NeighborWorks of NEPA	City of Scranton HOME Rehabilitation Program 2014	Involves the rehabilitation and improvements of existing owner-occupied homes in the City for homeowners at or below 80% of the AMI	\$250,000.00
NeighborWorks of NEPA	City of Scranton First Time Homebuyer Counseling and Education 2014-2015	Program involves providing approximately 10 hours of one on one counseling and homebuyer education to prospective homebuyers	\$6,000.00

2014 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Projected Funding for 2014 - \$160,000.00			
Applicant Name	Project Name	Project Description	Applicant's Proposed Amt.
Community Intervention Center of Lackawanna County	Emergency Shelter	Provides crisis intervention, health, medical and legal services along with daily meals.	\$20,000.00
Women's Resource Center	Emergency Shelter	Safe Housing for victims of domestic violence/or sexual assault	\$30,000.00
Catherine McAuley Center	Emergency Shelter	Work to move women and children from homelessness to some degree of independence	\$29,000.00
City of Scranton-OECD	ESG Admin	7.5% of HUD Allocations must be spent on Administration	\$13,982.00
Saint Joseph's Center – Walsh Manor	Emergency Shelter	Provide 24 hour care to homeless pregnant women	\$15,000.00
Catholic Social Services St. James Manor	Emergency Shelter	Emergency Shelter housing for twelve (12) homeless veterans and four (4) homeless non-veterans	\$10,000.00
Catholic Social Services St. Anthony's Haven	Emergency Shelter	Emergency Homeless Shelter providing nightly services to 26 adult men and women	\$40,000.00
United Neighborhood Centers	Rapid Re-Housing	Housing Relocation and stabilization services including housing search and placement and case management	\$13,500.00
United Neighborhood Centers	Homeless Prevention	Assist homeless persons to obtain affordable housing and assisting persons at risk of becoming homeless	\$4,500.00
Women's Resource Center	Rapid Re-Housing	Rapid Re-Housing for victim of domestic violence and/or sexual assault	\$15,000.00