

CITY OF SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

Action Plan

January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016

City of Scranton

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April 1, 2016

Mr. Nadab O. Bynum
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**Re: Scranton, Pennsylvania
2016 Action Plan
Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)
HOME Program
Emergency Solutions Program (ESG)**

Dear Mr. Bynum:

Attached please find the Second Year Action Plan for the period beginning January 1, 2016.

The allocations for the City of Scranton are:

CDBG	-	\$2,472,138.00
HOME	-	\$ 384,463.00 386,557.00
ESG	-	\$ 226,593.00

This office has put forth an enormous effort to ensure that all of the activities in this Action Plan meet one of the National Objectives. If HUD finds that it is lacking any necessary components, please contact this office at 570/348-4216, or email me at Laebli@scrantonpa.gov in order for this office to provide you with additional information.

Sincerely,

Linda B. Aebli
Executive Director

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July 2016

The Honorable William L. Courtright
Mayor of Scranton
Municipal Building
340 North Washington Avenue
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Dear Mayor Courtright:

RE: Notification of Grant Award
Fiscal Year 2016 Action Plan
City of Scranton

The Action Plan submitted by the City of Scranton has been reviewed by this office, and is hereby approved. The Action Plan covers the period January 1, 2016, to December 31, 2016. Based on this approval, I am pleased to award the City of Scranton its HUD-funded grants for Fiscal Year 2016. The grants and their amounts are as follows:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project Number B-16-MC-42-0014	\$2,472,138
HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Project Number M-16-MC-42-0205	\$ 386,557
Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Project Number E-16-MC-42-0014	\$ 226,593
TOTAL HUD FUNDING	\$3,085,288

The funds for each of the above-noted programs will be obligated upon execution of the individual grant agreements by the City of Scranton and the Department. Based on the Final Consolidated Plan Rule, several requirements from the individual programs have been incorporated and, as in prior years, there are special requirements for each of the programs. The specific requirements are included with the appropriate Program Grant Agreement package, which are enclosed with this notification.

A primary goal of the Department is to reduce housing discrimination, affirmatively further fair housing through CPD programs and promote diverse, inclusive communities. To that end, we encourage your community to take all measures necessary to ensure compliance with the Fair Housing requirements associated with these funds. A copy of your Annual Action Plan was provided to the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) for review. Please note that

FHEO is available to provide technical assistance regarding affirmatively furthering fair housing upon your request.

Please be advised that in awarding these grants, we have not made a determination with respect to eligibility and/or compliance with the national objectives, as applicable, of any of the activities to be funded in the Action Plan. If these funds are used to create a new activity or significantly change any existing activity; or if there is a substantial change in the priority allocations or method of fund distribution, you must adhere to the requirements of Section 91.505 in amending your Action Plan.

The grant agreements should be executed, as soon as possible and returned to Mr. Nadab O. Bynum, Director of the Office of Community Planning and Development. If you have any questions or if we may be of further assistance, please contact Ms. Fatina Ming, Senior Community Planning and Development Representative, at (215) 861-7662. This office may be reached via text telephone (TTY), by dialing (800) 877-8339.

Sincerely,



Jane C.W. Vincent
Regional Administrator

Enclosures

cc:

Ms. Linda Aebli

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Enclosed are the Grant Agreement and Funding Approval for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program (three copies of HUD-7082), which constitutes the contract between the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the **City of Scranton**. You should note particularly any special conditions included in Item 8 of the Funding Approval.

In order to establish a line-of-credit for the **FY 2016** CDBG grant, it will be necessary for you to execute all three copies and return two copies of the grant agreement to this office within 60 days of the transmittal date as failure to do so may be deemed to constitute rejection of the grant and cause for HUD to determine that the funds are available for reallocation to other grantees. In addition, if there is a need to delete or add individuals authorized to access the Integrated Disbursement Information System (IDIS), the vehicle your community uses to draw down funds, an IDIS Access Request Form must be prepared, notarized, and submitted to this office. Also, if there is a need to establish or change the deposit account to which these grant funds are to be wired, a Direct Deposit Sign-Up Form (SF-1199A) must be completed by you and your financial institution and mailed to this office.

Furthermore, all activities are subject to the provisions of 24 CFR Part 58 (Environmental Review Procedures for Entities Assuming HUD Environmental Responsibilities). In certain instances, funds for activities may not be obligated or expended unless HUD has approved the Request for the Release of Funds and related certifications (RROF/C) in writing.

In addition, in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58.22, the City agrees to refrain from undertaking any physical activities or choice limiting actions until HUD has approved the project's RROF/C. Choice limiting activities include acquisition of real property, leasing, repair, rehabilitation, demolition, conversion, or new construction. This limitation applies to all parties in the development process, including public or private nonprofit or for-profit entities, or any of their contractors.

Until HUD has approved the RROF/C for the project, neither the City nor any participant in the development process, including public or private nonprofit or for-profit entities, or any of their contractors, may commit HUD or non-HUD assistance to the project or activity.

In addition, it is required that the City be in compliance with Section 504 and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The following special conditions apply:

- (a) The period of performance for the funding assistance specified in the Funding Approval ("Funding Assistance") shall begin on the date specified in item 4 and shall end on September 1, 2023. The Grantee shall not incur any obligations to be paid with such assistance after September 1, 2023.

- (b) If Funding Assistance will be used for payment of indirect costs pursuant to 2 CFR 200, Subpart E - Cost Principles, attach a schedule in the format set forth below to the executed Grant Agreement that is returned to HUD. The schedule shall identify each department/agency that will carry out activities with the Funding Assistance, the indirect cost rate applicable to each department/agency (including if the de minimis rate is charged per 2 CFR §200.414), and the direct cost base to which the rate will be applied. Do not include indirect cost rates for subrecipients.

<u>Administering Department/Agency</u>	<u>Indirect cost rate</u>	<u>Direct Cost Base*</u>
_____	_____ %	_____
_____	_____ %	_____

*Specify the type of cost base utilized - e.g., Modified Total Direct Costs (MTDC).
Do not include amounts.

- (c) In addition to the conditions contained on form HUD 7082, the grantee shall comply with requirements established by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) concerning the Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS), the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database, and the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act as provided in 2 CFR part 25, Universal Identifier and Central Contractor Registration, and 2 CFR part 170, Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information.
- (d) The grantee shall ensure that no CDBG funds are used to support any Federal, State, or local projects that seek to use the power of eminent domain, unless eminent domain is employed only for a public use. For the purposes of this requirement, public use shall not be construed to include economic development that primarily benefits private entities. Any use of funds for mass transit, railroad, airport, seaport or highway projects as well as utility projects which benefit or serve the general public (including energy-related, communication-related, water-related and wastewater-related infrastructure), other structures designated for use by the general public or which have other common-carrier or public-utility functions that serve the general public and are subject to regulation and oversight by the government, and projects for the removal of an immediate threat to public health and safety or brownfields as defined in the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act (Public Law 107-118) shall be considered a public use for purposes of eminent domain.
- (e) The Grantee or unit of general local government that that indirectly receives CDBG funds may not sell, trade, or otherwise transfer all or any such portion of such funds to another such entity in exchange for any other funds, credits or non-Federal considerations, but must use such funds for activities eligible under title I of the Act.

- (f) E.O. 12372-Special Contract Condition - Notwithstanding any other provision of this agreement, no funds provided under this agreement may be obligated or expended for the planning or construction of water or sewer facilities until receipt of written notification from HUD of the release of funds on completion of the review procedures required under Executive Order (E.O.) 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs, and HUD's implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 52. The recipient shall also complete the review procedures required under E.O. 12372 and 24 CFR Part 52 and receive written notification from HUD of the release of funds before obligating or expending any funds provided under this agreement for any new or revised activity for the planning or construction of water or sewer facilities not previously reviewed under E.O. 12372 and implementing regulations.

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Enclosed are three copies of the Funding Approval and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program Agreement (Form HUD-40093), which constitute the contract between the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the **City of Scranton**. In order for the funds to be made available in the IDIS system for the **City's Fiscal Year 2016** grant, it will be necessary for you to execute all three copies and return two copies of the Funding Approval and HOME Investment Partnership Agreement to this office. Failure to execute and return the grant agreement within 60 days of the transmittal date may be deemed to constitute rejection of the grant and cause for HUD to determine that the funds are available for reallocation to other grantees.

You are reminded that certain activities are subject to the provisions of 24 CFR Part 58 (Environmental Review Procedures for Entities Assuming HUD Environmental Review Responsibilities). Funds for such activities may not be obligated or expended until you have completed your environmental review and, if necessary, HUD has approved the Request for the Release of Funds and related certifications (RROF/C) in writing.

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EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

The City of Scranton should be aware of a critical deadline that is set forth in the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program regulations. Section 576.203(b) requires that all of your ESG funds be expended within 24 months after the date the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) signs the grant agreement with the recipient. Any grant amounts that are not expended by this deadline may be recovered and reallocated for use in accordance with 24 CFR 576.300. This deadline represents the maximum time period.

Please note that the ESG regulations were published in the Federal Register on December 5, 2011, and revise the regulations for the Emergency Shelter Grants program by establishing the regulations for the ESG program, which replaces the Emergency Shelter Grants program. The change in the program's name, from Emergency Shelter Grants to Emergency Solutions Grants, reflects the change in the program's focus from addressing the needs of homeless people in emergency or transitional shelters to assisting people to quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness. The revised regulations can be found in <https://www.hudexchange.info/esg/> .

The ESG Funding Approval/Agreement forms (three copies), together with your approved application and the regulations at 24 CFR Part 576, constitute the contract between HUD and the City of Scranton. It will be necessary for you to execute and return two copies, with original signatures, of the Grant Agreement within 60 days of the date of this letter.

Further, all activities are subject to the provisions of 24 CFR Part 58 (Environmental Review Procedures for Entities Assuming HUD Environmental Responsibilities). In certain instances, funds for activities may not be obligated or expended unless HUD has approved the Request for the Release of Funds and related certifications (RROF/C) in writing.

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In addition, it is required that the City be in compliance with Section 504 and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

2016 Action Plan
Scranton, Pennsylvania

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Scranton, Pennsylvania 2016 Action Plan

For the Program Period Ending: January 1, 2016 through December 1, 2016

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File of Council No. 118 Ordinance

Public Notice (June 1, 2015)

Public Hearing Notice (June 25 and July 6, 2015)

Public Hearing (July 7, 2015) Minutes

Scranton Times Newspaper Article (July 8, 2015)

Public Notice (September 9, 2015)

Public Hearing (September 17, 2015) Minutes

Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

The 2015-2019 Five-Year Consolidated Plan was submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and serves as the planning tool for jurisdictions funded, under the Community Planning and Development (CPD) formula to include grant programs. The formula grant programs guided by the Consolidated Plan for the City of Scranton consist of the following: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program.

The 2016 Action Plan (Action Plan) represents the second year of Scranton, Pennsylvania's Consolidated Plan for the Years 2015 - 2019 (Consolidated Plan) as ratified by Scranton City Council and approved by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Action Plan is the City of Scranton's 2016 application for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) entitlement grants and identifies the proposed programs and projects to be funded. There are three (3) HUD entitlement grants that are covered in the Action Plan:

- **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):** The primary objective of the CDBG program is the development of viable urban communities through the provision of improved living environments, expansion of economic opportunity and decent housing. Funds are intended to serve low and moderate income residents and areas.
- **HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME):** The HOME program is dedicated to increasing the availability as well as the access to affordable housing for low income households.
- **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG):** The purpose of the ESG program is to assist individuals and families regain housing (temporary and permanent) after experiencing a housing crisis or homelessness.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

The City of Scranton is being guided by HUD's Office of Community Planning Development (CPD) Outcome Performance Measurement System to address the high priority needs stated in its 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. When funding an activity, the City determines which of three HUD objectives best describes the purpose of the activity. The three objectives are:

- **Suitable Living Environment (SL)** - In general, this objective relates to activities that are designed to benefit communities, families, or individuals by addressing issues in their living environment.

- **Decent Housing (DH)** - The activities that typically would be found under this objective are designed to cover the wide range of housing programs possible under HOME, CDBG or ESG. This objective focuses on housing programs where the purpose of the program is to meet individual family or community needs and not programs where housing is an element of a larger effort, since such programs would be more appropriately reported under Suitable Living Environment.
- **Creating Economic Opportunities (EO)** - This objective applies to the types of activities related to economic development, commercial revitalization, or job creation.

All activities funded in this Action Plan will support at least one objective and one outcome. The overall goals of the housing, and community development and planning programs covered by Scranton's Five Year Con Plan are to strengthen partnerships with other jurisdictions and to extend and strengthen partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector. This includes for-profit and nonprofit organizations to enable them to provide decent housing, establish and maintain a suitable living environment, and expand economic opportunities for every American.

Once the objective for the activity is identified, the City determines which of the three HUD outcome categories best reflects what the City seeks to achieve by funding the activity. The three outcome categories are:

- **Availability/Accessibility** - This outcome category applies to activities that make services, infrastructure, public services, public facilities, housing, or shelter available or accessible to low and moderate income people, including persons with disabilities. In this category, accessibility does not refer only to physical barriers, but also to making the affordable basis of daily living available and accessible to low and moderate income people in the area in which they live.
- **Affordability** - This outcome category applies to activities that provide affordability in a variety of ways in the lives of low and moderate income people. It can include the creation or maintenance of affordable housing, basic infrastructure hook-ups, or services such as day care.
- **Sustainability - Promoting Livable or Viable Communities.** This outcome applies to projects where the activities are aimed at improving communities or neighborhoods, helping to make them livable or viable by providing benefit to persons of low and moderate income or by removing or eliminating slums or blighted areas, through multiple activities or services that sustain our community or neighborhoods.

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

The economic downturn not only did it affect the city's housing market, but also brought with it a series of economic consequences that aggravated the already weak economic outlook of many city residents, especially that of low income households. The City of Scranton was also affected by severe budgetary cuts over the past several year's cuts for CDBG and HOME that hindered the city's ability to provide many services; however there has been an increase in the Emergency Solutions Grant

Program. Scranton's OECD is working with the Lackawanna County Continuum of Care in establishing a timeline to spend funds in a timelier manner. Nevertheless, Scranton's Administration along with the cooperation of Scranton City Council is working diligently to bring forward a plan of action that attempted to minimize the effects of federal budget cuts. The City of Scranton through the Office of Economic and Community Development has a very good track record for meeting its objectives outlined in the Consolidated Plan. The challenge has always been the limited resources it has to meet the needs and provide all the services necessary in this community which are described in the upcoming chapters of this document. The Needs Assessment and the Housing and Non-Housing Market Analyses sections show that through careful planning and investment, many of the issues surrounding the city could be addressed, but at this moment it is a goal difficult to attain as funding continues to dwindle and communities continue to decay.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

Scranton follows the process that is outlined in the City of Scranton's Citizen Participation Plan. Within Scranton's Consolidated Plan Submission for Community Planning and Development Programs (CPD) that includes CDBG, HOME Program and the ESG process, the Citizen Participation Plan is designed to ensure citizen involvement. City of Scranton complies with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) citizen participation requirements listed in the federal regulations 24 CFR 91.105.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

The public hearings generated both verbal and written comments regarding the usage of CDBG, HOME and ESG funds for the 2016 Action Plan period. Generally the comments were that CDBG funds should go towards rehabilitation of housing for income eligible individuals, reconstruction of roads to include ADA compliance, replacement of infrastructure, and more Neighborhood Police Patrols on the streets. The Public Service cap does not allow us to fund additional Neighborhood Police Patrols officers.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

The comments that were received on activities were on activities that Scranton has been implementing. There were several comments that had nothing to do with CDBG, HOME or ESG activities that would not qualify for federal assistance.

7. Summary

Scranton's Action Plan is a prerequisite for receiving funding through the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for four federal entitlement programs. The City of Scranton is recipient of three of the four programs: Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). HOME Investment Partnership Program and the Emergency Solutions Program (ESG). Scranton has prepared

this Action Plan to strategically implement the CDBG, HOME and ESG Programs to utilize the funds for housing, public facility and infrastructure improvements, land bank, public services, homeless, non-homeless, veterans, families, individuals from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016. This plan identifies the funding for projects that address Scranton's priorities as stated in the Consolidated Plan.

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	SCRANTON	Office of Economic and Community Development
HOME Administrator	SCRANTON	Office of Economic and Community Development
ESG Administrator	SCRANTON	Office of Economic and Community Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

Scranton's Office of Economic and Community Development (OECD) is the lead office within the City responsible for the administration of the CDBG, HOME and ESG programs and reporting. OECD is a department in the City of Scranton that is headed by an Executive Director which sits on the Cabinet of the Mayor of Scranton. The Executive Director meets with the Mayor and other Cabinet members concerning major activities that are being funded under the Consolidated Plan and would have an affect on other departments within the City of Scranton. The Mayor takes a hands-on approach to the needs of the City and has full decision making power to decide how to best meet those needs. The Mayor has been involved in the process since the beginning stages and will continue involvement through performance evaluations. Scranton's OECD participates with other groups that include both profit and non-profit organization when appropriate.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

The City of Scranton is in constant contact with various agencies to ensure funding priorities are in line with current community development goals. The City's various departments, including the Mayor's Office, Department of Economic and Community Development, Police Department, Licensing, and Inspections & Permits all play a roll in communicating with the Scranton Housing Authority and numerous nonprofit entities and organizations.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l))

Scranton's Office of Economic and Community Development works and consults with housing, social service agencies and other entities on a variety of issues by attending and participating in meetings, regional meetings, and planning groups that deal with issue that affect the homeless, children, the elderly and those with disabilities including HIV/AIDS. Some of the agencies include the Lackawanna County Housing Coalition, Scranton/Lackawanna Continuum of Care, Center for Independent Living, Mayor's Commission on Disabilities, and Neighborhood and Economy.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

United Neighborhood Centers of NEPA (UNC) is the Lead Agency for the Scranton/Lackawanna County Continuum of Care and provides administrative support and technical assistance for the agencies and its functions. UNC is responsible for the completion and submission of the Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Competition, as well as the Housing Inventory Chart and the Point in Time Count. In the case of developing homeless strategies to address the needs of homeless persons, particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth, and persons at risk of homeless, City consulted with Scranton-Lackawanna County Continuum of Care; public and private agencies that address housing, health, social services, victim services, employment, and or education needs for low income individuals and families, publicly funded institutions and systems of care that may discharge persons into homelessness (such as health-care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions), and businesses.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

All homeless service providers participate in the HMIS system and client-level information is entered on a daily basis, giving the community good data quality. The strict Data Quality Standards set by the CoC help identify homeless families and individuals and their temporary locations. In addition, homeless persons were interviewed during the point-in-time count using customized surveys. Through the surveys, the CoC is able to gather additional information on causes of homelessness, their needs, and their ideas from providers, consumers and other stakeholders. Given the high level of participation and strong community commitment to HMIS, there is a high level of accuracy for the sheltered homeless count. When preparing the annual Action Plan the City of Scranton through the Office of Economic and Community (OECD) determines approximately what the ESG allocation will be for the following year. OECD contacts the CoC and indicates to them the approximate amount the City of Scranton hopes to receive; the CoC meets and determines the amount each organization will request for through our Annual Action Plan process. Scranton City Council must approve the allocations to each organization.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction’s consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities.

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Scranton Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Scranton's Office of Economic and Community Development consults with the Scranton Housing Authority on their needs.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Women's Resource Center provides a safe haven for victims of domestic violence. It provides homeless prevention, rapid rehousing, counseling, case management, financial assistance and legal assistance.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	COMMUNITY INTERVENTION CENTER
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Community Intervention Center is a non-profit and a member of the Lackawanna County Continuum of Care that provides assistance to any low/moderate income person.

4	Agency/Group/Organization	UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS OF NEPA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	United Neighborhood center provides housing for displaced individuals and families with and without children through homeless prevention and rapid rehousing.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	ST. JOSEPH'S CENTER
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-homeless Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	St Joseph's Center operates a shelter for pregnant women providing shelter, counseling, life skills, case management, transportation to and from doctors appointments.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Catholic Social Services is a non-profit part of the Lackawanna County Continuum of Care that funds all populations in need of assistance such as homeless and veterans,
7	Agency/Group/Organization	CATHERINE MCAULEY CENTER
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Catherine McAuley Center is a member of the Lackawanna County Continuum of Care that was consulted and provided expertise on public service portion of the Action Plan.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hill Neighborhood Association, a neighborhood organization, that represents the Eastern portion of Scranton. Many vacant lots are targeted for Land Bank to create neighborhood parks or gardens. This organization is funded in Action Plan

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

Through our Public Notices and Public Hearings every Agency has the opportunity to come forward and provide input on our Consolidated Plan and Action Plan. There was no known Agency that was not contacted.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	United Neighborhood Center of NEPA	Scranton/Lackawanna County Continuum of Care Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

The City of Scranton conducted two public hearings; one was held by Scranton's Office of Economic and Community Development and the other was held by Scranton City Council. The results of both efforts were taken into account in order to set priorities for the 2016 Action Plan. Additional comments from participants of the public hearing helped help the City to set some major priorities from increased job creation to neighborhood infrastructure improvements. Much input was related to reconstruction of roads to include handicapped curb cuts on public streets, housing and the Neighborhood Police (Public Safety).

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
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Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Hearing	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Hispanic</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p> <p>Scranton Residents</p>	<p>Scranton's Office of Economic and Community Development held a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 7, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. in Scranton City Council Chambers, City Hall, 340 North Washington Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503. This Public Hearing provides an opportunity for city residents to participate in the development and implementation of Scranton's Second Year Action Plan, which covers the year beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016. Anyone needing the service of an interpreter or any other</p>	<p>Scranton residents requested to spend \$5,000 for children to swim free at a neighborhood facility; blighted properties, vegetable gardens, pocket playgrounds and rehabilitation of homes.</p>	<p>Scranton's OECD did not fund children swim for free since it was not an eligible activity. We did fund \$15,000 for Land Bank activity in Hill Section to for pocket parks and/or gardens and Scranton does have a successful Housing Rehabilitation Program.</p>	14

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
2	Public Hearing	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Hispanic</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p> <p>Scranton Residents</p>	<p>A Public Hearing was held by Scranton City Council on Thursday, September 10, 2015 to receive Public Comments on the 2016 Action Plan that had the 30 day public comment period</p>	<p>A speaker believes the 2010 Low to Moderate Income map is incorrect. Another speaker CDBG should be spread out in neighborhoods to help with infrastructure, blighted properties, housing, redevelopment.</p>	N/A	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
3	Newspaper Ad	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p> <p>Scranton Residents</p>	Placed a large Newspaper Ad in the Scranton Times on June 25, 2015 that listed all applications received for CDBG, HOME Program and Emergency Solutions Grant.			
4	Newspaper Ad	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p> <p>Scranton Residents</p>	<p>A Public Notice was placed in the Scranton Times on June 1, 2015 indicating that the 2016 CDBG, HOME and ESG applications would be available online and hard copies in City Hall on June 1, 2015.</p> <p>Applications were due no later than Friday, August 7, 2016.</p>			

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c) (1, 2)

Introduction

All federal funding allocations will be used in a manner which support the three (3) major goals of our Consolidated Plan, which are to provide decent affordable housing, a suitable living environment and expanded economic opportunities to principally benefit low to moderate income persons in Scranton, Pennsylvania. City of Scranton also applies to the Commonwealth of PA for funding through the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) or any other State or Federal Agency or Authority.

Priority Table

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	2,472,138	350,000	0	2,822,138	3,982,860	The Community Development Block Grant Program is a flexible program that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	384,463	0	0	384,463	1,200,000	HOME Program is the largest Federal block grant to State and local governments designed exclusively to create affordable housing for low-income households. HOME funds are awarded annually as formula grants to participating jurisdictions and Scranton began receiving HOME funding in 1992

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	226,593	0	0	226,593	690,000	Emergency Solutions Grant will carry out street outreach, emergency shelter, homeless prevention, rapid re-housing, HMIS and Administration.
General Fund	public - state	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership Public Improvements Public Services	0	0	0	0	0	

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
LIHTC	private	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership Public Improvements	0	0	0	0	0	
Section 8	public - federal	Housing Rental Assistance TBRA	0	0	0	0	0	
Tax Credits	public - state	Acquisition Economic Development Housing	0	0	0	0	0	

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
Other	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Financial Assistance Homeowner rehab Housing Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership Public Improvements	0	0	0	0	0	

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

Scranton expects to receive ongoing Section 8 Rental Assistance Funding from HUD to continue to provide vouchers to low income renters in Scranton, Pennsylvania through the Scranton Housing Authority (SHA).

Lackawanna County Continuum of Care administers the Continuum of Care (COC) program serving all homeless persons in both Scranton and Lackawanna County. The COC expects to apply for funding under the COC program later in the year.

Currently there is a Low-Income Housing Tax Credit projects underway at North Scranton-Goodwill Industries that will be completed early 2016.

If the occasion arises; Scranton would support such application with a Certification of Consistency. Scranton partners with Developers to obtain funding through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through PA Dept. of Economic and Community Development through the Local Share Account, Grower Greener II, DCNR, Dept. of Energy, Lead Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program, and Office of the Budget Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) along with any other eligible programs that Scranton qualifies. Under RACP there is a dollar for dollar match from the private developer.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

There is no intent to use publically owned land for needs identified in the plan other than to improve existing public infrastructure and facilities.

Discussion

Emergency Solutions Grant Program match requirement will be followed under 24.CFR 85.24.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Administration	2015	2019	Administration	City of Scranton.Citywide	Administration	CDBG: \$494,427	Other: 1 Other
2	Economic Development - Job Creation	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Scranton.Citywide	Economic Development / Job Creation	CDBG: \$200,000	Jobs created/retained: 5 Jobs
3	Demolition of Hazardous Structures	2015	2019	Demolition of Hazardous Structures	City of Scranton.Citywide	Demolition of Hazardous Structures	CDBG: \$200,000	Buildings Demolished: 12 Buildings
4	Section 108 Repayment	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Scranton Local Business District	Section 108 Repayment	CDBG: \$363,263	Other: 2 Other
5	Public Facilities/Infrastructure	2015	2019	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide/Low Mod Area	Public Facilities/Infrastructure Improvements	CDBG: \$1,179,098	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 10000 Households Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6	Land Bank	2015	2019	Land Banking	Citywide/Low Mod Area	Land Bank	CDBG: \$15,000	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 100 Household Housing Unit
7	Public Service.Youth	2015	2019	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	City of Scranton.Citywide	Public Services	CDBG: \$53,237	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 350 Persons Assisted
8	Public Services.Crime Prevention	2015	2019		Citywide/Low Mod Area	Public Services	CDBG: \$300,000	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 5000 Households Assisted
9	Support efforts for homeless, special needs	2015	2019	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	City of Scranton.Citywide	Homelessness Prevention / Continuuum of Care	CDBG: \$4,900	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 5 Households Assisted
10	Employment - Job Training	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Scranton.Citywide	Public Services	CDBG: \$9,250	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 10 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
11	Public Service Child Care	2015	2019	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	City of Scranton.Citywide	Public Services	CDBG: \$4,950	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 5 Households Assisted
12	Rehabilitate Owner-Occupied Housing Units	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	City of Scranton.Citywide	Housing Rehabilitation/Neighborhood Revitalization	HOME: \$181,063	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 5 Household Housing Unit
13	Homebuyer Program	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	City of Scranton.Citywide	Housing Rehabilitation/Neighborhood Revitalization	HOME: \$30,000	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 4 Households Assisted
14	Housing Development	2015	2019	Affordable Housing Public Housing	City of Scranton.Citywide	Housing Rehabilitation/Neighborhood Revitalization	HOME: \$25,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 1 Household Housing Unit
15	Rental Rehabilitation Program	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	City of Scranton.Citywide	Housing Rehabilitation/Neighborhood Revitalization	HOME: \$50,000	Rental units rehabilitated: 4 Household Housing Unit

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Administration
	Goal Description	The Administration and Planning of the CDBG for the City of Scranton. Provide Administration funds for the HOME Program.
2	Goal Name	Economic Development - Job Creation
	Goal Description	Provide CDBG funding through Scranton's Business and Industry Loan/Grant Program. Will provide up to \$250,000 to eligible qualified businesses. May turn from a Loan to a Grant if meeting certain criteria and after meeting the National Objective of Job Creation
3	Goal Name	Demolition of Hazardous Structures
	Goal Description	Demolition of Hazardous Structures is to remove buildings that have been condemned by the City of Scranton.
4	Goal Name	Section 108 Repayment
	Goal Description	Repayment of two Planned Section 108 loans. Scranton Hotel and Steamtown Mall Partners.
5	Goal Name	Public Facilities/Infrastructure
	Goal Description	Reconstruction of Roads to Include Handicap Curbs in low to moderate income areas of Scranton. Construction of public sidewalks and ADA ramps, streetscape and lighting improvements that will serve to increase economic development selected areas within the City of Scranton. Creation of Novembrino Pool Complex that will consist of a splash pool, green space, and more. Weston Park Senior Little League will construction a maintenance and equipment building. Marvino Dutch Gap Little League will provide ADA compliance bathrooms and ADA sidewalks. Lease Purchase a Fire Truck this will be a multi year activity.

6	Goal Name	Land Bank
	Goal Description	Hill Neighborhood Association will purchase lots in low to moderate income area through the Land Bank. Lots will be created into public parks, gardens, etc.
7	Goal Name	Public Service - Youth
	Goal Description	Provide funds to the Boys and Girls Club Summer Park It Program. Provide funds to operate an afternoon and early evening program at Bellevue Center. To serve low income children at Project Hope Summer Camp.
8	Goal Name	Public Services. - Crime Prevention
	Goal Description	The Neighborhood Police Patrol patrols low to moderate income areas on foot or by bicycle.
9	Goal Name	Support efforts for homeless, special needs
	Goal Description	Catherine McCauley Center has scattered site apartment in Scranton that provide housing to persons to prevent homelessness (Rapid Re-Housing)
10	Goal Name	Employment - Job Training
	Goal Description	SCOLA is an employment tool to teach adult literacy for residence of Scranton in order for them to find employment and to understand the English language.
11	Goal Name	Public Service - Child Care
	Goal Description	St. Joseph's Center provided CDBG funding to families in a supervised apartment living, intensive case management and support service to prepare them to live independently.
12	Goal Name	Rehabilitate Owner-Occupied Housing Units
	Goal Description	Rehabilitate Owner occupied single family homes within the City of Scranton
13	Goal Name	Homebuyer Program
	Goal Description	Assist families to purchase a home within the City of Scranton. Deferred payment loan up to \$12,000.00

14	Goal Name	Housing Development
	Goal Description	Local CHDO's purchase, rehabilitate, lead abatement, energy efficient and resale to low income person within in Scranton.
15	Goal Name	Rental Rehabilitation Program
	Goal Description	Scranton is creating a new Rental Rehabilitation Program. Scranton will match owners financing up to \$10,000 per unit up to 4 units.

Table 7 – Goal Descriptions

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.215(b):

Our CHDO that will be determined will leverage our HOME Program funding to rehabilitate a single family home along with Scranton Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program that will assist four (4) families. Hopefully, the Rental Rehabilitation Program will provide affordable housing to a 4 unit building. This will all result in helping approximately 10 families have affordable housing.

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The Strategic Plan outlined five (5) priorities identified during the extensive planning process and the strategies for addressing these priorities. The following is a summary of the priorities identified in the Strategic Plan and is being carried over into our Second Year Action Plan.

1) Public Facility and Infrastructure Improvements

- Fund non-housing community development proposals that eliminate a threat to public health and safety to include water/sewer projects, drainage projects, demolition of hazardous structures, sidewalks, and street improvements.
- Fund public facility improvements that benefit low to moderate income households and persons, and persons with special needs to include senior centers, neighborhood facilities, youth centers, homeless facilities, childcare centers, parks and recreational facilities.
- Economic Development activities that will create low to moderate income jobs.

2) Increase Access to Affordable Housing

- Fund activities that expand the supply and improve the condition of housing affordable to lower income households.
- Fund activities that leverage other public and private resources such as Low Income Tax Credit Projects.
- Extend the useful life of existing affordable housing through weatherization, repair, and rehabilitation programs.

3) Decrease Homelessness

- Provide funds to support shelter operations and transitional housing.
- Provide funding to increase permanent supportive housing opportunities and work to create a stronger network of providers of supportive and mainstream services to homeless clients.

4) Public Services

- Fund projects that provide supportive services to low and moderate income household as well as persons with special needs.
- Support efforts to develop a regional social service collaborative to coordinate the work of social service organizations, disseminate news and information, and eliminate duplication of effort.

5) Affirmatively Further Fair Housing

- Support improved access to community resources.
- Continue to operate in compliance with protected class definitions found in federal regulations.
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6) Administration

- General management, oversight and coordination of the federal funding programs received by the City of Scranton.

#	Project Name
1	CDBG Administration
2	Economic Development Activities
3	Demolition of Hazardous Structures
4	Section 108 Loan Planned Payment Scranton Hotel
5	Public Facility / Fire Station / Equipment
6	Novembrino Swim Complex - Public Facility
7	Neighborhood Police Patrol / Public Service
8	UNC Project Hope
9	Catherine McAuley Center
10	Weston Park Senior Little League
11	Marvine Dutch Gap Little League
12	St. Joseph's Center / Mother Infant Program - Public Service
13	Section 108 Repayment / Steamtown Mall Partners
14	UNC Bellvue Center - Public Service
15	Hill Neighborhood Association
16	UNC SCOLA Learning Center
17	Reconstruction of Streets to Include Handicap Curb Cuts
18	Administration / CDBG Funding for HOME Program
19	Boys & Girls Club Park It Program - Public Service
20	Sidewalks and Streetscape Improvements
21	HOME Program - Administration
22	HOME Program Homebuyers Program
23	HOME Program Housing Rehabilitation Program
24	HOME Program CHDO
25	HOME Program Rental Rehabilitation Program
26	HOME Program - Lackawanna Neighbors, Inc.
27	Emergency Solutions Grant Program. HESG

Table 8 – Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

Allocation priorities were based upon the Needs Assessment undertaken as part of the planning process and demand for projects and services in the past. For example the need for infrastructure projects for example, reconstruction of roads and install handicap curb cuts, far exceeds the amount of CDBG funding available and it will continue receive a majority of funding. The primary obstacle to addressing underserved needs is the limited resources available to address such needs throughout Scranton. Scranton will continue to encourage CDBG applicants to seek other resources from other public and private entities in an effort to leverage the limited amount of CDBG funds available. Scranton through Office of Economic and Community Development developed a grading system for applications received. This information is implemented to determine the high priority needs of the City.

Projects

AP-38 Projects Summary Project Summary Information

Table 9 – Project Summary

1	Project Name	CDBG Administration
	Target Area	City of Scranton Citywide
	Goals Supported	Administration
	Needs Addressed	Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$474,427
	Description	The Administration and Planning of the CDBG Program for Scranton, Pennsylvania.
	Target Date	5/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	The Office of Economic and Community Development is located 340 North Washington Avenue, Municipal Building, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503
	Planned Activities	
2	Project Name	Economic Development Activities
	Target Area	City of Scranton Citywide
	Goals Supported	Economic Development - Job Creation
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development / Job Creation
	Funding	CDBG: \$200,000

	<p>Description</p> <p>The Administration and coordination of the City of Scranton Business and Industry Loan/Grant Program/Site Infrastructure improvements to benefit low to moderate income person through job creation.</p>	<p>The Administration and coordination of the City of Scranton Business and Industry Loan/Grant Program/Site Infrastructure improvements to benefit low to moderate income person through job creation.</p>
	<p>Target Date</p>	<p>6/30/2017</p>
	<p>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</p>	<p>Under the Business and Industry Loan/Grant Program one full time equivalent job based on 40 hours must be created for every \$35,000.00 provided.</p>
	<p>Location Description</p>	<p>Business must be located within Scranton, Pennsylvania</p>
	<p>Planned Activities</p>	
<p>3</p>	<p>Project Name</p>	<p>Demolition of Hazardous Structures</p>
	<p>Target Area</p>	<p>City of Scranton Citywide</p>
	<p>Goals Supported</p>	<p>Demolition of Hazardous Structures</p>
	<p>Needs Addressed</p>	<p>Demolition of Hazardous Structures</p>
	<p>Funding</p>	<p>CDBG: \$200,000</p>
	<p>Description</p>	<p>A Memorandum of Understanding is executed between the City OECD office and the Scranton's Department of Licensing, Inspections & Permits. Demolition and disposal of blighted and abandoned properties throughout the City of Scranton. Environmental testing, titles searches are performed prior to demolition.</p>
	<p>Target Date</p>	<p>6/30/2017</p>
	<p>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</p>	<p>The estimated number of types of families that will benefit from the proposed activities will depend on the area of the demolition that is unknown at this time.</p>
	<p>Location Description</p>	<p>Not known at this time.</p>
	<p>Planned Activities</p>	

4	Project Name	Section 108 Loan Planned Payment Scranton Hotel
	Target Area	Scranton Local Business District
	Goals Supported	Section 108 Repayment
	Needs Addressed	Section 108 Repayment
	Funding	CDBG: \$255,263
	Description	This will be a payment for a Section 108 loan for the former Scranton Hotel. These funds will be drawn down approximately in 2017.
	Target Date	9/1/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	N/A
	Planned Activities	
5	Project Name	Public Facility / Fire Station / Equipment
	Target Area	Citywide/Low Mod Area
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities/Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities/Infrastructure Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000
	Description	This pumper truck for the Scranton Fire Department is qualified as a integrate part of the Fire Department
	Target Date	12/31/2016

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The estimate number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activity will be determined by the Census. The pumper truck will be located in a low to moderate income area and will serve low to moderate income areas.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	This is a multi year activity leasing of fire equipment for several years.
6	Project Name	Novembrino Swim Complex - Public Facility
	Target Area	City of Scranton / West Scranton
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities/Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities/Infrastructure Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$220,000
	Description	This public facility project will eliminate a current unusable pool and rehab this space by adding a public Park Complex retrofit and green space to include ADA restrooms and provide more safety and security fences.
	Target Date	9/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The number will be based on the U. S. Census in the West Side Part of Scranton, Pennsylvania as the service area.
	Location Description	West Scranton
	Planned Activities	
7	Project Name	Neighborhood Police Patrol / Public Service
	Target Area	Citywide/Low Mod Area
	Goals Supported	Public Services / Crime Prevention
	Needs Addressed	Public Services

	Funding	CDBG: \$300,000
	Description	Public Service Neighborhood Police Patrol walk in low to moderate income areas for crime prevention
	Target Date	5/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Neighborhood Police Patrol walks through low to moderate income areas. the total number who will benefit will be estimated what census tracts they walk.
	Location Description	NPP walk Citywide in Low to Moderate income areas.
	Planned Activities	
8	Project Name	UNC Project Hope
	Target Area	City of Scranton Citywide
	Goals Supported	Public Service Youth
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$24,000
	Description	Project Hope serves low income children of Scranton a summer camp providing educational, nutritional and recreational needs.
	Target Date	10/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 200 low income children will benefit from this summer program
	Location Description	Any child that lives within the City of Scranton that comes from an income eligible family is allowed to participate in Project Hope.
	Planned Activities	
9	Project Name	Catherine McAuley Center

	Target Area	City of Scranton Citywide
	Goals Supported	Support efforts for homeless, special needs
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$4,900
	Description	Permanent Supportive Housing program is to assist several homeless families to move into to apartments, case management, transportation food, job search, education training are provided to enable families to become self-sufficient.
	Target Date	2/28/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This program will assist approximately five (5) families to become self-sufficient.
	Location Description	This activity is for families that are currently living in Scranton, Pennsylvania
	Planned Activities	
10	Project Name	Weston Park Senior Little League
	Target Area	Scranton North Scranton
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities/Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities/Infrastructure Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$18,500
	Description	Construction of a maintenance and equipment building.
	Target Date	7/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This activity will benefit the number of children on the West Park Senior Little League roster which is approximately 150 children.

	Location Description	Belmont Terrace, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18508
	Planned Activities	
11	Project Name	Marvine Dutch Gap Little League
	Target Area	Scranton North Scranton
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities/Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities/Infrastructure Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	Will provide installation of handicap toilets, handicap parking, steps to press box and handicap walkways installed along with fencing.
	Target Date	9/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The number of families that will benefit from this activity will be the number of participants on the Little League roster approximately 150.
	Location Description	Marvine Avenue and Wells Street, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18508
	Planned Activities	
12	Project Name	St. Joseph's Center / Mother Infant Program - Public Service
	Target Area	City of Scranton Citywide
	Goals Supported	Public Service Child Care
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$4,950
	Description	A housing program providing supervised apartment living, intensive case management, and support services to 5 homeless families at a time to prepare them to move into permanent housing and live independently.

	Target Date	5/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Five families will benefit from this activity
	Location Description	This will be a Citywide Activity
	Planned Activities	
13	Project Name	Section 108 Repayment / Steamtown Mall Partners
	Target Area	Scranton Local Business District
	Goals Supported	Section 108 Repayment
	Needs Addressed	Section 108 Repayment
	Funding	CDBG: \$108,000
	Description	Repayment of a Section 108 Repayment for the Steamtown Mall Partners
	Target Date	5/5/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not Applicable
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	This is a planned Section 108 Activity
14	Project Name	UNC Bellvue Center - Public Service
	Target Area	City of Scranton West Scranton
	Goals Supported	Public Service Youth
	Needs Addressed	Public Services

	Funding	CDBG: \$9,250
	Description	To operate an evening / after school teen program at the Bellvue Community Center in West Scranton
	Target Date	9/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	A teen program that fluctuates in numbers on a daily basis for approximately 20 teens that is held in early evening and/or after school.
	Location Description	Activity is located at the United Neighborhood Center Bellvue Community Center, 531 Emmett Street, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18504
	Planned Activities	
15	Project Name	Hill Neighborhood Association
	Target Area	Citywide/Low Mod Area
	Goals Supported	Land Bank
	Needs Addressed	Land Bank
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	Acquisition of vacant, blighted lots, revitalize the lots into land re-use to improve neighborhood, ie, pocket parks, gardens, playgrounds
	Target Date	10/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Estimate the number of families will depend on the location of the properties acquired through the Lackawanna Land Bank Commission.
	Location Description	Location of properties must be located in low to moderate income areas.
	Planned Activities	
16	Project Name	UNC SCOLA Learning Center

	Target Area	City of Scranton Citywide
	Goals Supported	Employment - Job Training
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$9,250
	Description	This activity provides adult literacy and English as a second language classes to residents of the City of Scranton.
	Target Date	5/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This activity will assist approximately 20 individuals to learn the English language as their second language.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
17	Project Name	Reconstruction of Streets to Include Handicap Curb Cuts
	Target Area	Citywide/Low Mod Area
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities/Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities/Infrastructure Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$715,598
	Description	Reconstruction of streets that involve curb cuts making curbs handicap accessible in low to moderate income areas throughout City of Scranton.
	Target Date	11/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The estimated number of families that will benefit from reconstruction of streets to include handicap curb cuts will be approximately 10,000 living in low to moderate income areas City wide.

	Location Description	Low to Moderate Income Areas
	Planned Activities	
18	Project Name	Administration / CDBG Funding for HOME Program
	Target Area	City of Scranton Citywide
	Goals Supported	Administration
	Needs Addressed	Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	CDBG funds will be allocated for the HOME Program.
	Target Date	5/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
19	Project Name	Boys & Girls Club Park It Program - Public Service
	Target Area	Citywide/Low Mod Area
	Goals Supported	Public Service Youth
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$18,000
	Description	The Boys & Girls Club Park It Program is the neighborhood version of the Boys and Girls Club's on site programming. with cooperation with the City of Scranton this summer program is set up at Scranton School District sites in low to moderate neighborhoods.

	Target Date	9/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	This activity is located citywide in low to moderate income neighborhoods.
	Planned Activities	
20	Project Name	Sidewalks and Streetscape Improvements
	Target Area	Citywide/Low Mod Area
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities/Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities/Infrastructure Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$75,000
	Description	The administration and coordination for the construction of a public sidewalk with ADA ramps, streetscape & lighting improvements that will serve to increase economic development in selected areas within the City of Scranton.
	Target Date	11/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
21	Project Name	HOME Program - Administration
	Target Area	City of Scranton Citywide
	Goals Supported	Administration

	Needs Addressed	Administration
	Funding	HOME: \$38,400
	Description	Administration and Planning of the HOME Program for Scranton, Pennsylvania.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not Applicable
	Location Description	Not Applicable
	Planned Activities	
22	Project Name	HOME Program Homebuyers Program
	Target Area	City of Scranton Citywide
	Goals Supported	Homebuyer Program
	Needs Addressed	Increase Access to affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$30,000
	Description	Homebuyer Program using HOME Program funding will assist families with homeownership. Matching down payment assistance up to \$7,000 and provide up to \$5,000 closing costs for persons that are under the 80% of the median income.
	Target Date	12/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately four families will benefit from the Homebuyers Program.
	Location Description	Not applicable
	Planned Activities	

23	Project Name	HOME Program Housing Rehabilitation Program
	Target Area	City of Scranton Citywide
	Goals Supported	Rehabilitate Owner-Occupied Housing Units
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation/Neighborhood Revitalization
	Funding	HOME: \$181,063
	Description	Owner occupied single family homes located in the City of Scranton, Pa. to comply with City Codes. Eligibility is based on income (80% of the median income) must be primary resident and applicant must not hold more than ownership in any other property.
	Target Date	8/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
24	Project Name	HOME Program CHDO
	Target Area	City of Scranton Citywide
	Goals Supported	Housing Development
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation/Neighborhood Revitalization
	Funding	HOME: \$60,000
	Description	Fifteen percent of our HOME Program funding is set aside to provide assistants to an eligible CHDO to undertake a housing activity within the City of Scranton.
	Target Date	9/30/2017

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	With the limited amount of funds available one single family home will benefit from the proposed activity
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
25	Project Name	HOME Program Rental Rehabilitation Program
	Target Area	City of Scranton Citywide
	Goals Supported	Rental Rehabilitation Program
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation/Neighborhood Revitalization
	Funding	HOME: \$50,000
	Description	This will be a new activity added to our HOME Program. The activity will match the owners finance up to \$10,000 per unit (single family up to 4 units.)
	Target Date	12/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	A single family rental (up to 4 units) will benefit from this proposed activity.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
26	Project Name	HOME Program - Lackawanna Neighbors, Inc.
	Target Area	City of Scranton Citywide
	Goals Supported	Housing Development
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation/Neighborhood Revitalization
	Funding	HOME: \$25,000

	Description	
	Target Date	10/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	One housing unit will benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
27	Project Name	Emergency Solutions Grant Program. HESG
	Target Area	City of Scranton Citywide
	Goals Supported	Support efforts for homeless, special needs
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness Prevention / Continuum of Care
	Funding	ESG: \$226,593
	Description	Administration and services of the Emergency Solutions Grant Program that will include a portion of the application fee for the Continuum of Care for Lackawanna County. the City of Scranton works in conjunction with our Con
	Target Date	12/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

Ninety-three (93%) percent of CDBG funding will be provided in low to moderate income areas throughout Scranton, Pennsylvania. This will include our Reconstruction of Roads to include Handicap curb cuts; Neighborhood Police Patrol walking or biking in low/mod areas. Only 1% will be designated in the Central Business District for job creation. Demolition is under slum and blight of hazardous structures and can occur throughout Scranton citywide.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
City Wide Paving Project	
South Scranton	
Urban Renewal Area	
City of Scranton Citywide	5
City of Scranton West Scranton	
Scranton North Scranton	1
Scranton East Scranton	
Scranton Local Business District	1
Citywide/Low Mod Area	93

Table 10 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Assistance is not directed to any specific geographic area in Scranton. CAPERS will provide maps to show the location of the site-specific activities. The areas of Scranton that have a concentration of Non-White and Latino populations are limited but have increased since 2000. Currently the Elm Street footprint in South Scranton that have a concentration of the Latino community is being revitalized. Area benefit projects in Action Plan Year 2016 will take place in areas of low and moderate income concentration throughout the City.

Discussion

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

Affordable housing activities undertaken by the City will address the needs of homeless, non-homeless, and special-needs households. Various programs will provide these households with rental assistance, new units or rehabilitated units. No acquisition is planned. The goals for affordable housing and further details on the projects included are provided below.

The City will provide housing assistance through the HOME Program and Emergency Solution Grant (ESG). The Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program will provide homeowners funding to bring their homes up to International Residential Code (IRC). Scranton Homebuyer Program provides housing assistance in the form of a deferred payment loan to assist with down payment assistance and closing costs.

The ESG Program will provide shelter and housing under five of the eligible categories under the ESG Program – Rapid Re-Housing, Shelter, Homeless Prevention, Street Outreach, Rental Assistance and HMIS.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	55
Non-Homeless	10
Special-Needs	4
Total	69

Table 11 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	4
Acquisition of Existing Units	2
Total	6

Table 12 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The City of Scranton and the Scranton Housing Authority (SHA) continue to partner in addressing the needs of our public housing residents. The encouragement of all SHA residents to participate in SHA programs is an on-going commitment. Scranton PHA work closely with our Resident Advisory Board (RAB) in developing SHA's Annual and Five Year Plan; SHA obtains valuable input from our RAB in determining management and physical needs for the SHA.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

Plans and specifications have been completed for the comprehensive modernization of buildings 3 and 16. Bids for this work are due in late March 2016 with work to commence in late April or early May of 2016. This project should take approximately one year to complete. Additional top soil and grading will be completed this spring. This area will be used as green space and a hydroponic garden for the residents of the development. As previously mentioned Honeywell International completed the installation of a geo-thermal heating and air conditioning system at Valley View Terrace. This green technology continues to produce substantial savings for SHA. As SHA comprehensively renovate the other existing buildings, additional energy conservation items will be installed. Once complete, our oldest development will be our most energy efficient. SHA will continue to update its 5 year Capital Improvement Plan on an annual basis. Our on-going physical needs assessment and resident input will allow us to determine our priorities as additional capital improvements are made.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

Every year or two through the City of Scranton's Office of Economic and Community Development distributes information to the Scranton Housing Authority and the Lackawanna Housing Authority information on Scranton's Homebuyer Program to encourage residents to reach out to the City to determine if they would qualify for homeownership. Also, through the Scranton Housing Authority's Resident Advisory Board (RAB) residents are encouraged to participate in Scranton Housing Authority management.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

Scranton Public Housing Authority is not a designated PHA.

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)

Introduction

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

Lackawanna County is home to several homeless shelters Catholic Social Services (CSS) St. Anthony's Haven and St. Joseph's Center's Walsh Manor shelter homeless individuals along with Keystone Mission's seasonal shelter, typically open 6 months of the year. CSS's Nativity Shelter along with Catherine McAuley Center's shelter house families and Women's Resource Center provides voucher beds for individuals and families. The Scranton Lackawanna CoC will continue to use the Housing First approach in addressing the needs of all homeless individuals. Whether through the Street Outreach Services or general Case Management the primary goal remains to get people off the street and into an emergency shelter, transitional housing with the ultimate goal of achieving permanent housing.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

As stated above the CoC continues to utilize the Housing First approach to secure suitable housing for all homeless individuals. This approach allows the homeless to enter housing and immediately receive the intensive, supportive services required to obtain and maintain housing stability. Currently, two CoC projects have applied to change their beds from Transitional Housing to Rapid Rehousing, which has been proven to promote self-sufficiency and dramatically reduce the amount of time spent homeless. Also, CoC members recently began case conferencing for those who are chronically homeless, providing a more collaborative and holistic approach to addressing homelessness. This process maximizes efficiency and ensures that all homeless individuals/families are benefiting from the wide array of services/resources being offered throughout the continuum. Case Manager's across the CoC will provide long-term monitoring services to continue to promote independent living and prevent further episodes of homelessness.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

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Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

Certain members of the CoC utilize Homeless Assistance Prevention (HAP) funds to assist the most at risk families in avoiding homelessness. Housing counselors provide rental assistance (when available) and case management services including: budget counseling, goal setting, home maintenance training, life skills and employment referrals in an effort to assist these families with achieving self-sufficiency and maintaining stable housing. Also, the CoC has established a Discharge Planning Subcommittee that examines the discharge policies of the foster care system, physical/mental health and correctional facilities within the jurisdiction. The committee members meet quarterly to discuss any issues surrounding discharge policies and ensure that the institutions are fully aware of available resources and services. This subcommittee works collaboratively to ensure that no one in these publicly funded programs is discharged into homelessness.

One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family
Tenant-based rental assistance
Units provided in housing facilities (transitional or permanent) that are being developed, leased, or operated
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds
Total

THE CITY OF SCRANTON DOES NOT RECEIVED HOPWA FUNDING

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

Introduction

The City's Public Policies indicates the need to update the 1993 Zoning Ordinance to reflect current policies and procedures and to bring it into conformance with the Fair Housing Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and Section 504 of the Disabilities Act, as well as a need to update the current real estate tax assessments.

In order to meet this goal, the following activities and strategies should be undertaken: 1) The City will update its existing 1993 Zoning Ordinance to bring it into compliance with the Fair Housing Act, American with Disabilities Act, and Section 504 of the Disabilities Act. 2) The City will evaluate its policies and procedures in regard to zoning variances (etc.). and 3) If possible the City will cooperate with Lackawanna County on the reassessment of real estate values in the City and reevaluate the City's tax rates to make it compatible with the surrounding region.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

Scranton recently submitted the 2015 – 2019 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) that identified current barriers to fair housing. Impediments were identified that may impede the ability of lower-income households to become home owners, including the need for the City to provide adequate funding for owner-occupied housing rehabilitation and rehabilitation of existing rental housing.

Scranton is continue to educate the public on Fair Housing education and outreach to a variety of groups on the fair housing law in English and Spanish; expanding it to other languages within this Consolidated Plan. Scranton will continue to conduct lending and sales baseline audits to determine what role gate keeping plays in the lower homeownership rates experienced by African Americans and Hispanics. Barriers to home ownership were identified as:

- Difficulty saving for down payments and closing costs in combination with rental obligations and other economic factors.
- Many homes affordable to lower-income households require minor to major repairs to make them habitable. The repairs generally need to be funded at the time of purchase, adding to the expense of first time home ownership. Scranton may implement if resources are available to Acquisition Rehab Program.
- Poor or unacceptable credit histories of applicants, poor records of employment among applicants, and lack of adequate budget and credit counseling for prospective homebuyers to assist them in maintaining their home ownership status.

Barriers to housing rehabilitation were identified as:

- Demand of rehabilitation funding greatly exceeds the available financial resources. Cost for lead-based paint treatment increases the total cost of rehabilitation per unit, which decreases the number of housing units that are rehabilitated on an annual basis.
- High real estate taxes reduce the affordability of housing.

Due to limited CDBG and HOME Program resources, Scranton still anticipates using both CDBG and HOME Program funds to support home ownership, owner occupied housing rehabilitation or rental housing development. Scranton will continue to provide a certification of consistency to projects that meet local codes and land use requirements.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction

Scranton will use its entitlement funds to provide assistance with activities that meet the underserved needs of the communities participating in the program. Non-housing community development needs will be addressed through CDBG funding resources. Obstacles identified in the Five Year Plan includes:

- Increasing costs to complete projects,
- Fragmented approached to local planning and lack of coordination in addressing infrastructure needs, and
- Limited inter-municipal communication in addressing public facility needs.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Obstacles such as lack of funding, lack of affordable housing, and escalating costs to provide housing were cited as obstacles to providing affordable housing. Through the allocation of funds in this Action Plan, housing activities are being undertaken and hopefully will expand over the next five years. Scranton will continue to seek additional resources to assist property owners in the rehabilitation of both owner occupied and rental housing. The City will continue to work with the Continuum of Care to provide funds to the homeless.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The Scranton Housing Authority provides rent vouchers to offset the high cost of rental housing in the City. Members of the Scranton-Lackawanna Continuum of Care and Lackawanna Housing Coalition offer several programs to combat homelessness and end chronic homelessness. Scranton will continue to provide a certificate of consistency for agencies seeking funding under federal programs that enhance the opportunity to meet the goals described in the Five Year Plan.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Scranton will remain proactive in identifying children with an elevated blood lead level, Scranton provides oversight to ensure that the lead-based paint problem is addressed. The new EPA guideline for renovation, paint and repair, effective April 22, 2010, require that all contractors notify owners of properties constructed prior to 1978 of the potential for lead based paint hazards and to perform work in a lead safe manner. Contractors must be trained and registered with EPA to do work in older homes that disturbs painted surfaces. Local building code offices are made aware of these requirements.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City, in conjunction with the public and private agencies and institutions, provides lower-income households with the opportunity to gain the knowledge and skills as well as the motivation to become fully self-sufficient. Economic Development activities are directed towards the creation of new businesses and employment opportunities. The CDBG program entitled Business and Industry

Loan/Grant Program provides the potential of generating jobs that may be filled by Section 3 residents or hire Section 3 businesses.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

There are a host of non-profit organizations that provide programs and services to area youth, the elderly, and persons who are disabled. This network of organizations will provide a range of services including food, housing, and household goods; primary medical care and dental care; home health services; job training and placement; financial literacy; integrated mental health and substance abuse treatment; child care services; and other services provided by individualized case management. The City will specifically reach out to other organizations that provide services, including crisis alleviation to prevent homelessness, to low-income individuals and families.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

Scranton facilitates coordination among its partner agencies that results in a broadly shared understanding of community needs, collaborative and complementary approaches to addressing needs, and responsiveness to changes in conditions. Additionally, the City has acquired a low interest loan from the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank (PIB) to add leverage on Scranton's Reconstruction of Roads to Include Handicap Curb Cuts. This is a commitment to utilize all possible resources to meet needs of its residence by leveraging CDBG and HOME spending. The City ensures that high-priority public and private housing and social service agencies and their programs will continue to receive the resources required to achieve an appreciable impact. The greatest gap in meeting the housing, community development, and economic development needs in the City is the reduced capacity of many agencies, given funding limitations in recent years, to carry out their work to the extent that is needed in the community. Reductions in work force resulting from the dwindling of resources pose a serious challenge to meeting escalating demand for affordable housing and related services. In order to overcome this gap, the City has planned to focus its capacity and delivery on priority needs. Strategic planning and evaluation will continue to be performed periodically to ensure the streamlining of operations. The City will continue to coordinate between public housing, private housing, and social service agencies in its efforts, especially regarding the Neighborhoods initiatives.

Discussion

Not Applicable

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

Introduction

The City's program specific requirements for CDBG, HOME and ESG are listed below. For CDBG, the City of Scranton uses a three-year average to ensure compliance with the low moderate income benefit. The three years at this time are 2014, 2015 and 2016.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	350,000
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	350,000

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	75.00%

**HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)**

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:

Scranton uses Low Income Housing Tax Credits, Commonwealth of Pa DCED Housing and Redevelopment Assistant Program (HRA), Local Share Account through the Commonwealth Finance Authority, PA Housing Finance Authority, National Housing Trust, Dept. of Health Lead Based Paint Program, and Historic Tax Credits

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

Scranton will execute with all eligible homeowners, a recorded Mortgage and Promissory Note (and when applicable a Declaration of Restrictions) which will secure all HOME funding during the required Period of Affordability. The appropriate Resale or Recapture language will be included in the recorded documents.

Under the recapture option, the City has elected to reduce the amount to be repaid on a pro-rata basis according to the time the homebuyer has owned and occupied the house as measured against the affordability period. Accordingly, under Item 1.A of our Home Buyer Agreement, it states that said financial assistance shall be provided in the form of non-interest bearing, deferred payment forgivable loan, for a term equal to the period of affordability. Should the unit be sold or transferred during the period of affordability, the unforgiven balance of the forgivable loan shall become immediately due and payable, HOME Program funds will be recaptured from the net proceeds of the sale.

- a) Net proceeds shall mean the sales price minus repayment of loan balance, other than HOME funds, and closing costs.
- b) In the event net proceeds from the sale are not sufficient to recapture the full HOME investment eligible for recapture, plus enable the PARTICIPANT to recover non-subsidized down payment costs and capital improvement investment, (or a reduced amount based on the length of time the PARTICIPANT has owned and occupied the property) the CITY may share net proceeds. The net-proceeds may then be divided proportionally in accordance with Section 92.254 (a) (5)(ii)(A)(2) and (3) of the HOME regulations.

All recaptured funds shall be returned to CITY for deposit in the local HOME account, for use in future HOME eligible activities.

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

As described in the Recapture/Resale Policy Scranton will execute with all eligible homeowners, a recorded Mortgage and Promissory Note (and when applicable a Declaration of Restrictions) which will secure all HOME funding during the required Period of Affordability. The appropriate Resale or Recapture language will be included in the recorded documents. Scranton does reach out to all past

participants in our HOME Program monitor that they are still using the home as their principal residence.

The period of affordability for our HOME-assisted homebuyer units will be determined as described at 24 CFR 92.254 (a)(4). Under the recapture option, the period of affordability will be based on the “direct subsidy” provided to the homebuyer. For the City of Scranton, this will be the amount of funds that we provide for down payment and closing cost assistance plus the amount of funds that are used to make the unit affordable by reducing the cost from the fair market value to an affordable price.

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

Scranton has not provided any HOME funds for financing existing debt activities. This is N/A.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Reference 91.220(I)(4)

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)

The City of Scranton’s Office of Economic and Community Development (OECD) has consulted and will continue to consult and meet with the Scranton/Lackawanna County Continuum of Care (CoC) regarding the performance standards for activities funded under ESG by discussing how best the HMIS system and the Scranton/Lackawanna County’s Continuum of Care (CoC) lead which is the Lackawanna County Housing Coalition can produce uniform reports for all prime recipients and provide detailed and improved reports for the ESG program. The CoC currently adheres to the HMIS technical standards and will abide by these standards for ESG data and reporting requirements. To ensure correctness and reliability of the data, the CoC is currently working on a data quality plan so as to improve on the worth of client level elements that are collected. THE CITY OF SCRANTON'S ESG POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ARE ATTACHED

The consistency with the Consolidated Plan, quarterly e-snaps report, annual action plan and CAPER, will be used as a guide for which performance standards will be recorded, tracked and produced in monthly or quarterly reports. General performance standards such as the unduplicated number of persons or households assisted from emergency shelters/streets into permanent housing, race, ethnicity, age, will be reported by HMIS, lead by United Neighborhood Centers of Northeastern Pennsylvania(UNC). Further assessments such as what worked using HUD funds, the most pressing needs for clients, barriers to transitional housing, the connection of other mainstream resources and outcomes of families and individuals upon completion of a program will be reported by the Scranton/Lackawanna County Continuum of Care.

2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

Scranton was launched in 2013 and serves as the coordinated assessment system for the jurisdiction. This collaborative project, carried out by Scranton-Lackawanna Continuum of Care is the central point of information, assessment, and referral services for all Scranton / Lackawanna County residents experiencing a housing crisis. It includes a call center and several assessment centers which serve all persons experiencing a housing crisis in Lackawanna County. The Housing Link screens callers with a brief interview to determine the household's basic eligibility for housing assistance and refers them to the nearest regional coordinated assessment center. The coordinated assessment centers schedule an in-person appointment in order to determine the level of housing assistance needed to resolve the crisis and to identify available assistance options. Persons in crisis are then connected with the most appropriate housing assistance program to resolve the housing crisis. These efforts are coordinated with Rapid Re-Housing and hotel/motel vouchers provided by Scranton's Sub Recipients to reduce the number of persons living in literally homeless situations.

3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

The City of Scranton consults with the Lackawanna County Continuum of Care and as a group we make funding decisions based on the CoC professionalism and experience with the homeless or formerly homeless individuals.

4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

Comments and information is collected from City Council public meetings held weekly that is comprised of Scranton residence that may include homeless/transitionally housed/at risk of homelessness persons that have concerns with homeless programs and services. From this group the city is able to better identify their needs to assist them out of homelessness or prevent homelessness. Homeless participation is also represented at Continuum of Care meetings that take place during the planning process of the CoC annual NOFA application. Homeless and formerly homeless participants have the opportunity to discuss supportive housing programs and provide the community with their experiences and input. They are also able to suggest changes to be made and leave comments for the organizations/agencies to review.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

The Emergency Solutions Grant program with different eligible activities will require different assessment standards. Scranton's Office of Economic and Community Development (OECD) works with sub-recipients to ensure a level of HMIS data completeness by which an accurate evaluation of program performance can continually be measured. Scranton's OECD will review all available data annually to evaluate performance. Copies of all applicable federal regulations are distributed to assist sub-recipients with the request for reimbursement and reporting process. All ESG contracts entered into by the City are subject to on-going monitoring throughout the term of the contract. The primary methods of monitoring include: On site monitoring reviews: Review of monthly financial requests for payments: Periodic site visits, including view of randomly selected case files; On-going contact with program staff. Sub-recipients must ensure that financial records and documents pertaining to costs and expenses under the grant are maintained to reflect all costs of materials, equipment, supplies, services, building costs and all other costs and expenses for which reimbursement is claimed or payment is made. The City has direct access to any records relevant to the project. All records pertaining to the grant are retained for a period of at least five years following submission of the final expenditure report. In the event that any claim, audit, litigation, or state/federal investigation is started before the expiration of the record retention period, the records are retained by both the sub-recipient and the City until all claims or findings are resolved. To meet HUD reporting requirements, statistical data are also reported to track the type of activity carried out, and the number of individuals and families assisted, including data on the racial/ethnic characteristics of the participants. Sub-recipients are advised that unless all reporting requirements are satisfactorily met, requests for reimbursement are not processed for payment.

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission: Preapplication Application Changed/Corrected Application

* 2. Type of Application: New Continuation Revision

* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): * Other (Specify):

* 3. Date Received: 03/21/2016

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier: MC-42-0014

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name: City of Scranton, Pennsylvania

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 24-600704

* c. Organizational DUNS: 0604978560000

d. Address:

* Street1: Municipal Building

* Street2: 340 North Washington Avenue

* City: Scranton

* County/Parish: Lackawanna

* State: PA: Pennsylvania

* Province:

* Country: USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code: 18503-1546

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name: Economic/Community Development

Division Name:

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix: Ms.

* First Name: Linda

Middle Name: B.

* Last Name: Aebli

Suffix:

Title: Executive Director

Organizational Affiliation: Office of Economic and Community Development

* Telephone Number: 5703484216

* Fax Number: 5703484123

* Email: laebli@scrantonpa.gov

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

*** 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

*** 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.231

CFDA Title:

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

9999

* Title:

9999

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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*** 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

24 CFR 91 and 576 Street Outreach, Homeless Prevention, Rapid-Rehousing, Emergency Shelter, HMIS, Administration

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant

* b. Program/Project

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date:

* b. End Date:

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="226,593.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value=""/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value=""/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value=""/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value="226,593.00"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value=""/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="453,186.00"/>

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** I AGREE

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Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:
Middle Name:
* Last Name:
Suffix:

* Title:

* Telephone Number: Fax Number:

* Email:

* Signature of Authorized Representative: 

* Date Signed:

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
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State Use Only:		
6. Date Received by State: _____	7. State Application Identifier: _____	
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
* a. Legal Name: City of Scranton, Pennsylvania		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 24-6000704	* c. Organizational DUNS: 0604978560000	
d. Address:		
* Street1: Municipal Building	Street2: 340 North Washington Avenue	
* City: Scranton	County/Parish: Lackawanna	
* State: PA: Pennsylvania	Province: _____	
* Country: USA: UNITED STATES	* Zip / Postal Code: 18503-1546	
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Department Name: Economic/Community Development	Division Name: _____	
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Prefix: Ms.	* First Name: Linda	Middle Name: B.
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Title: Executive Director		
Organizational Affiliation: Office of Economic and Community Development		
* Telephone Number: 5703484216	Fax Number: 5703484123	
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* Other (specify):

*** 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.239

CFDA Title:

HOME Investment Partnership Program

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

9999

* Title:

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13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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*** 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

24 CFR 92 Activities including building, buying, and/or rehabilitating affordable housing for rent or homeownership Homebuyer Program, Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation, Administration and Rental Housing.

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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* a. Start Date:

* b. End Date:

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="384,463.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value=""/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value=""/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value=""/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value=""/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value=""/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="384,463.00"/>

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Middle Name:	<input type="text"/>	
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U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.218

CFDA Title:

Community Development Block Grant

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

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* Title:

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13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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*** 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

CDBG CFR-570 are divided into primary themes: Public Facilities and Improvements, Public Services, Administration, economic development, Section 108 Repayments, Demolition of Hazardous Structures

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* b. End Date:

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* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value=""/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value=""/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value=""/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value=""/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="350,000.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="2,822,138.00"/>

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* Date Signed:

CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing -- The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing, which means it will conduct an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice within the jurisdiction, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and maintain records reflecting that analysis and actions in this regard.

Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, and implementing regulations at 49 CFR 24; and it has in effect and is following a residential antidisplacement and relocation assistance plan required under section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the CDBG or HOME programs.


Anti-Lobbying -- To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction -- The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan -- The housing activities to be undertaken with CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds are consistent with the strategic plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.


Signature/Authorized Official

Date

February 29, 2016

Specific CDBG Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated housing and community development plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that provide decent housing, expand economic opportunities primarily for persons of low and moderate income. (See CFR 24 570.2 and CFR 24 part 570)

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan (or Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy) that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it certifies that it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low and moderate income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available);
2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds including section 108 guaranteed loans during program year(s) 2014, _____ (a period specified by the grantee consisting of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years), shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period;
3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

The jurisdiction will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108, unless CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of fee or assessment attributable to the capital costs of public improvements financed from other revenue sources. In this case, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds. Also, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its

jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and

2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction;

Compliance With Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d), the Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3601-3619), and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, subparts A, B, J, K and R;

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.



Signature/Authorized Official

2-29-2016
Date

MAYOR
Title

**OPTIONAL CERTIFICATION
CDBG**

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

Walter J. ...
Signature/Authorized Official

2-29-2016
Date

MAYOR
Title

Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance -- If the participating jurisdiction intends to provide tenant-based rental assistance:

The use of HOME funds for tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of the participating jurisdiction's consolidated plan for expanding the supply, affordability, and availability of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing.

Eligible Activities and Costs -- it is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR § 92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in § 92.214.

Appropriate Financial Assistance -- before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;



Signature/Authorized Official

2-29-2016
Date

MAYOR
Title

ESG Certifications

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program Recipient certifies that:

Major rehabilitation/conversion – If an emergency shelter’s rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the jurisdiction will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed rehabilitation. If the cost to convert a building into an emergency shelter exceeds 75 percent of the value of the building after conversion, the jurisdiction will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed conversion. In all other cases where ESG funds are used for renovation, the jurisdiction will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 3 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed renovation.

Essential Services and Operating Costs – In the case of assistance involving shelter operations or essential services related to street outreach or emergency shelter, the jurisdiction will provide services or shelter to homeless individuals and families for the period during which the ESG assistance is provided, without regard to a particular site or structure, so long the jurisdiction serves the same type of persons (e.g., families with children, unaccompanied youth, disabled individuals, or victims of domestic violence) or persons in the same geographic area.

Renovation – Any renovation carried out with ESG assistance shall be sufficient to ensure that the building involved is safe and sanitary.

Supportive Services – The jurisdiction will assist homeless individuals in obtaining permanent housing, appropriate supportive services (including medical and mental health treatment, victim services, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living), and other Federal State, local, and private assistance available for such individuals.

Matching Funds – The jurisdiction will obtain matching amounts required under 24 CFR 576.201.

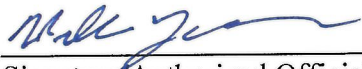
Confidentiality – The jurisdiction has established and is implementing procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG program, including protection against the release of the address or location of any family violence shelter project, except with the written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of that shelter.

Homeless Persons Involvement – To the maximum extent practicable, the jurisdiction will involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, in providing services assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under the program.

Consolidated Plan – All activities the jurisdiction undertakes with assistance under ESG are consistent with the jurisdiction’s consolidated plan.

Discharge Policy – The jurisdiction will establish and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from

publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent this discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for these persons.



Signature/Authorized Official

February 29, 2016

Date

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APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING:

A. Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

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FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 118

2015

AN ORDINANCE
(AS AMENDED)

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE CONSOLIDATED SUBMISSION FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS TO BE FUNDED UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME) PROGRAM AND EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS (ESG) PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2016.

WHEREAS, the planning and application aspects included in the consolidated submission for Community Planning and Development Programs are authorized by the Federal Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS): title I of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, 42 U.S.C. 12702-12711; the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG): Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C. 5304-5320; the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 ("HEARTH") reauthorized and modified the the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 1987 that includes the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG); and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME): Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, 42 U.S.C. 12741-12839; and the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA): the AIDS Housing Opportunity Act, 42 U.S.C. 12901-12912.

WHEREAS, the City of Scranton shall be entitled to such funds for the year beginning on January 01, 2016 pending approval of its application; and

WHEREAS, the various federal statutes referenced above required public hearings to be held to ascertain the views and comments of the citizens of City of Scranton, and whereas such hearings have been duly convened; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON that the Mayor and other appropriate Officials of the City of Scranton authorize to take

CERTIFIED COPY

La Reed City Clerk

Introduced in Council on above date and referred to Committee on COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

September 10, 2015

La Reed
City Clerk

Scranton, PA October 22, 2015
Committee of Community Development reports favorably on the within ordinance

Wayne Green
Temp Chairman

SIXTH ORDER:
September 17, 2015

all necessary action in order to implement the consolidated submission for Community Planning and Development Program to be funded Under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, Home Investment Partnership (HOME) Program and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program.

SECTION 1. If any section, clause, provision or portion of this Ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decisions shall not affect any other section, clause, provision or portion of this Ordinance so long as it remains legally enforceable minus the invalid portion. The City reserves the right to amend this Ordinance or any portion thereof from time to time as it shall deem advisable in the best interest of the promotion of the purposes and intent of this Ordinance, and the effective administration thereof.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon approval.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance is enacted by the Council of the City of Scranton under the authority of the Act of the Legislature, April 13, 1972, Act No. 62, known as the "Home Rule Charter and Optional Plans Law", and any other applicable law arising under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania.

Passed by the Council

October 22, 2015

Receiving the Affirmative votes of Council Persons

Wechsler, Rogan, Evans, Gaughan

Negative NONE Absent-McGoff

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Approved 10-23-15

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2 SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL3 PUBLIC HEARING
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5 IN RE: FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 118 2015, AUTHORIZING THE
6 MAYOR AND THE OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY
7 OF SCRANTON TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT
8 THE CONSOLIDATED SUBMISSIONS UNDER THE COMMUNITY
9 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS TO BE FUNDED UNDER
10 THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT CDBG PROGRAM, HOME
11 INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME) PROGRAM AND EMERGENCY
12 SOLUTIONS GRANTS, (ESG) PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD
13 BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2016.
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16 HELD:17 Thursday, September 17, 2014⁵
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19 LOCATION:

20 Council Chambers

21 Scranton City Hall

22 340 North Washington Avenue

23 Scranton, Pennsylvania
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1 those in favor signify by saying aye.

2 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

3 MR. EVANS: Aye.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

5 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
6 have it and so moved.

7 MS. REED: 6-B. READING BY TITLE
8 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 118, 2015 - AN
9 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER
10 APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF
11 SCRANTON TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO
12 IMPLEMENT THE CONSOLIDATED SUBMISSION FOR
13 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS
14 TO BE FUNDED UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
15 BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM, HOME INVESTMENT
16 PARTNERSHIP (HOME) PROGRAM AND EMERGENCY
17 SOLUTIONS GRANTS (ESG) PROGRAM FOR THE
18 PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2016.

19 MR. EVANS: I make a motion to amend
20 a the legislation to amend a typographical
21 error to the Emergency Solutions Grants
22 Program at the request of OECD per the
23 following:

24 Delete "Catherine McAuley Center
25 Emergency Shelter Rapid Rehousing, \$10,000"

1 add "Catherine McAuley Center Shelter
2 \$30,000" add "Catherine McAuley Center Rapid
3 Rehousing for \$11,500", and revise
4 contingency for \$44,342 to \$12, 732.

5 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

6 MR. ROGAN: On the question? All
7 those in favor of the motion to amend 6-B
8 signify by saying aye.

9 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

10 MR. EVANS: Aye.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

12 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
13 have it and so moved. You've heard reading
14 by title of Item 6-B, a amended, what is
15 your pleasure?

16 MR. EVANS: Mr. Chairman, I move
17 that Item 6-B, as amended, pass reading by
18 title.

19 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

20 MS. ROGAN: On the question? All
21 those in favor signify by saying aye.

22 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

23 MR. EVANS: Aye.

24 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

25 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes

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have it and so moved.

MR. EVANS: I would like to make a motion to table Item 6-B, as amended, until October 22 to allow for the required 30-day public comment period.

MR. WECHSLER: Second.

MR. ROGAN: There's a motion and a second on the floor to table Item 6-B, as amended. On the question? All those in favor signify by saying aye.

MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

MR. EVANS: Aye.

MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes have it and so moved.

MS. REED: 6-C. READING BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 119, 2015 - AN ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF A STOP SIGN (R1-1) WITH EXCEPT RIGHT TURN (R1-10P) BELOW IT, BE INSTALLED AT THE NORTHWESTERLY INTERSECTION OF RIDGE AVENUE AND ASH STREET AND THAT THE EXISTING ONE-WAY SIGNS BE REMOVED AT THE INTERSECTION OF RIDGE AVENUE AND MYRTLE STREET AND NEW ONE-WAY (R6-1L) SIGNS BE INSTALLED ON A

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PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE
THE CITY OF SCRANTON
OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

LOCATION:
CITY HALL
340 N. WASHINGTON AVE
SCRANTON, PA 18503

Original

TIME:
Tuesday, July 7, 2015 at 6 p.m.

PRESENT: Linda Aebli, Executive Director
Tom Preambo, Deputy Director
Mary Maroon, Director of Finance and Compliance

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1 MS. AEBLI: Okay, I'd like to
2 welcome everyone to this public hearing
3 being held by the City of Scranton Office of
4 Economic and Community Development. My name
5 is Linda Aebli. I am the Executive Director
6 of Scranton's Office of Economic and
7 Community Development. Before we begin
8 receiving public comments, please be aware
9 that we have a stenographer present in order
10 to transcribe your comments to be included
11 in the 2016 Action Plan for the City of
12 Scranton that will be sent to the U.S.
13 Department of Housing and Urban Development.
14 In past years, we had to submit our Action
15 Plan 45 days before the end of the beginning
16 of our--our year begins. However, HUD
17 changed the rules that we have to--we cannot
18 submit our action plan until we get the
19 actual figures of what we are receiving for
20 2016. So, it may not be--it will not be
21 sent to HUD, to the regular period. Because
22 two years ago, they rejected it. We had to
23 resubmit without the actual figures. This
24 public hearing is being held on Wednesday
25 July 7th, 2015 at 6 p.m. in the Scranton

1 City Council Chambers Municipal Building,
2 340 North Washington Avenue, Scranton
3 Pennsylvania. We did schedule this hearing
4 later in the evening to enable more of the
5 public to participate in this hearing. In
6 attendance this evening is Tom Preambo to my
7 left, he is the Deputy Director of OECD.
8 And Mary Maroon, she is the Director of
9 Finance and Compliance for OECD. This
10 public hearing is being held to receive
11 citizens views on housing and non-housing
12 community development activity needs for the
13 City of Scranton for 2016. If you prefer
14 not to speak, written comments will be
15 received by this office no later than
16 Friday, August 21st, 2015. The anticipated
17 funding for 2016--and these are just
18 approximate numbers. Our Community
19 Development Block Grant funds, \$2,500,000.
20 HOME Investment Partnership, \$400,000. And
21 Emergency Solutions Grant, \$250,000. What
22 we've seen in 2015 is our Community
23 Development Block Grant funding is staying
24 around in the \$2.5 million range. HOME, it
25 went down a little under the 400. And the

1 Emergency Solutions Grant for the homeless
2 is going up. So, we'll see how we do next
3 year. It should be noted that these amounts
4 are approximate. As a participating
5 jurisdiction, again, Scranton will continue
6 to look at activities more closely and use
7 our funds in the way that will help more of
8 the citizens of Scranton. In 2015, Scranton
9 submitted our Five Year Consolidated Plan
10 for the years 2015 to 2019. This plan is
11 currently under review by the U.S.

12 Department of Housing and Urban Development
13 for review. The 2016 Action Plan is the
14 second year of this Consolidated Plan.
15 Several years ago, OECDC implemented an
16 application evaluation scoring sheet that we
17 continue to use to score each application.
18 This also gives Scranton City Council some
19 insight on the past performances of several
20 sub-recipients. The applications will be
21 scored on the following:

22 Need. Score up to 30 points, if
23 possible. The applicant will have to
24 demonstrate that it will serve a significant
25 low to moderate income population to justify

1 the grant being requested. Also, while the
2 city recognizes that it has supported many
3 excellent organizations, it also looks for
4 new ideas.

5 Feasibility and readiness: The city
6 wants to give priority to activities that
7 are shovel ready and can be accomplished in
8 a timely manner. The application must
9 include material that demonstrates that it
10 can be started quickly, preferably within 3
11 months after the grant award, and be
12 completed within 24 months from the start of
13 funding year which is January 1, 2016.

14 Capacity. Applicant capacity:
15 Capacity can be demonstrated through past
16 experience of the applicant. If the
17 applicant has received federal funding from
18 the city previously, it's prior activity
19 including whether it has completed the work
20 on time and demonstrated sound financial
21 management without undue problems or
22 monitoring will be taken into account.

23 Finances: The city through OECD
24 wants to encourage leveraging and to look
25 favorably on projects that demonstrate that

1 other funding sources are involved. It is
2 important to demonstrate that other funding
3 will be in place when needed to complete the
4 project. Letters from a financial
5 institution, private foundations, state
6 grants indicating their investment in the
7 project and any private funding should be
8 included in the application.

9 Copies of the application along with
10 the CDBG, HOME and Emergency Solutions
11 Grant: www.ScrantonPA.gov.

12 Applications must be submitted by
13 Friday, August 7th, 2015 at 3 p.m. to OECD
14 in City Hall. It is recommended that you
15 hand-deliver one original of the
16 application.

17 Before we begin the public comment
18 period, does anyone from the OECD staff have
19 any comments?

20 MS. MAROON: No.

21 MR. PREAMBO: No.

22 MS. AEBLI: Okay, we will now
23 receive public comments for the 2016 Action
24 Plan. Please clearly state your name and
25 residence for the stenographer. And our

1 first speaker is Jimmy Connors.

2 MR. CONNORS: Should I get up,
3 Linda?

4 MS. AEBLI: Yes, please.

5 MR. CONNORS: My sister's a court
6 reporter in Florida. Jim Connors. I'm
7 actually on the OECD Advisory Group. And
8 I'm very proud of that. That's where I
9 started out back in the 70s on the Advisory
10 Group for the Mayor and for the Director.
11 And my thoughts tonight are--they're not
12 real specific. I don't have a real plan.
13 But I'm kind of casting the question out
14 there. My colleague in the neighborhood
15 association, Ozzie Quinn, and I have been
16 working to get free swimming for the kids in
17 the Hill Section. And for that matter, all
18 over the city. And I don't know why they
19 don't just open the pools up to all kids
20 regardless of where they live and how much
21 their parents earn. I don't think we're
22 going to get thousands of kids flooding May
23 Aug Park from the hinterlands to take
24 advantage of it. I think it will attract
25 the kids that we traditionally have

1 attracted to Nay Aug Park. So, I guess what
2 I'm asking is--or what I'm proposing is, can
3 OECD somehow help to make this free swimming
4 a reality? Now, just to give you what I
5 think is the condition right now, Mayor
6 Courtright received from Allied Services
7 \$10,000--or \$5,000 to help provide swimming
8 for the kids in the Hill and at Nay Aug
9 Park. So, the number that we kept hearing
10 was \$10,000. So, I wasn't a math major, but
11 it seems like we need another \$5,000. Now,
12 I don't know if we could be--if that would
13 qualify as a project under OECD. And I
14 don't want to steal his thunder, but I know
15 Ozzie Quinn has been working hard raising
16 money himself. So, maybe there's more than
17 just the \$5,000 we got from Allied. So,
18 that's really the extent of my pitch. I'm
19 just asking if--I don't expect you to give
20 me an answer now. But I would just like to
21 lay that on your plate if somehow OECD could
22 help out, even if it's just with some ideas
23 and some direction for the Mayor. And other
24 than that, I couldn't be more pleased with
25 the job that OECD is doing and Linda and Tom

1 and Mary and your whole staff. So keep up
2 the good work. I know the Mayor is being
3 served very well by the Office of Economic
4 and Community Development.

5 MR. PREAMBO: Thank you.

6 MS. AEBLI: Thank you.

7 MS. MAROON: Thank you.

8 MS. AEBLI: Our next speaker is
9 Ozzie Quinn.

10 MR. QUINN: Good evening, Ozzie
11 Quinn, Hill Neighborhood Association. I
12 concur with Mayor Connors about the swimming
13 pool. However, I'd like to sort of qualify
14 that and the fact that Allied Services did
15 give \$5,000 this year to the Mayor.
16 However, the Mayor put no limitations on who
17 would get the money. So, obviously, anybody
18 and everybody got the money. We usually
19 just give it to--we have limitations. Kids
20 that get the free school lunch or have the
21 access card or their parents income tax.
22 You could be making \$500,000 with that and
23 go down to Weston Field, you're allowed to
24 get a free pass. I don't think that was the
25 intent of Allied Services. And that money

1 just should have gone to the low to moderate
2 income like it did in the previous years.
3 But anyway, that's gone. That's water over
4 the damn. That's a pun. But anyway, the
5 Hill Section Neighborhood is congruous with
6 the Hill Neighborhood Association boundary.
7 The Hill Neighborhood Association has not
8 received any federal CDBG funding for more
9 than a decade with the exception of OECD
10 using CDBG funds for demolition of houses.
11 There are two areas of blight in the hill
12 section; housing and vacant lots. According
13 to many realtors, the blight has devalued
14 homes in the part of the Hill Section. I
15 would be remiss if I did not mention that
16 there are many beautiful historic houses
17 throughout the Hill Section. Also, so many
18 well maintained houses. Homeowners are very
19 responsible with their upkeep. The HMA
20 wishes to work with those who are
21 notoriously negligent with their property.
22 Thereby, by a connotation that the
23 neighborhood isn't a vital neighbor in
24 Scranton. First, let me emphasize that
25 there are many good landlords who own rental

1 houses in the Hill Section who maintain
2 their properties. The City of Scranton's
3 main role as I see it in the Hill Section
4 should be putting more pressure on absentee
5 landlords. There are 1,049 landlords in the
6 Hill Section. These include 540 absentee
7 landlords residing outside the city. 116
8 residing outside the state, as far as I know
9 as California. And 393 off-site landlords
10 who have rental properties in the Hill
11 Section, however do not reside in the Hill
12 Section. Many absentee landlords,
13 especially outside the city and state, who
14 do not maintain their rental properties, is
15 the source of blighted properties. The
16 City's Rental Registration Program Ordinance
17 is two-fold. The property owner must pay a
18 rental fee for their structure and the fee
19 for each rental unit in the structure. In
20 addition, the ordinance maintains that an
21 absentee landlord must appoint a designated
22 agent who must live within a 20 mile radius
23 of the rental property. The designated
24 agent is responsible for overseeing the
25 rental unit for the owner. However, if a

1 property owner does not register with the
2 city, the city loses much needed revenue
3 without any designated agent. This exists
4 presently in the Hill Section.
5 Subsequently, the absentee landlord's only
6 concern is collecting rentals. The tenants
7 are fearful to complain for the reason the
8 housing inspector will condemn the
9 structure. The result is the tenants are
10 out in the street looking for another rental
11 that may be owned by another absentee
12 landlord. If the city is using CDBG funds,
13 it is obligated to maintain decent, safe and
14 sanitary housing in the Hill Section. There
15 are many low to moderate income blocks
16 eligible for CDBG funding that are in need
17 of decent, safe and sanitary housing because
18 there are so many absentee landlords, the
19 tenants live in blight. In conclusion of
20 this, the Hill Neighborhood Association
21 recommends that the CDBG funds be used to
22 contract with an outside firm that
23 specializes with contacting absentee
24 landlords, following through with landlords
25 registering thus appointing a designated

1 agent to oversee the property. The city has
2 shown it is not able to enforce the Rental
3 Registration ordinance, thus losing revenue
4 and without a designated agent is causing
5 blighted rental structures. Secondly, due
6 to the lack of CDBG funding, a comprehensive
7 housing rehabilitation program is lacking in
8 the Hill Section causing blight to spread.
9 There have been too many houses condemned
10 and demolished through the years in the Hill
11 Section which could have been saved with
12 CDBG funding for rehabilitation and placed
13 back on the tax rolls. The costly
14 demolition of housing has caused a patch
15 quilt of vacant blighted lots. These lot
16 dimensions are irregular and small. They do
17 not comply with the city Building Codes.
18 The lots are un-buildable. Therefore, of
19 their dimensions there isn't any interest
20 for anyone to purchase them in an upset sale
21 or judicial sale of tax delinquent
22 properties. Subsequently, for many years,
23 the properties have remained in the County's
24 Repository for unsold land. Failure to cut
25 grass, overgrowth of weeds and trees have

1 made the lots dumping grounds for trash.
2 With this in mind, the HNA has organized
3 within its membership a Vacant Lot Committee
4 to attack the blight associated with the
5 demolition of structures. The committee's
6 purpose is to find a different reuse, such
7 as a pocket playground, neighborhood
8 vegetable gardens, flower gardens, et
9 cetera, in order to make the neighborhood
10 aesthetic and productive. The committee
11 recently selected a landscape architect to
12 assist the committee with best reuses for a
13 lot. The committee is requesting CDBG
14 funding to match with other funding sources
15 to eliminate the blight caused by these
16 vacant unattended lots. Thank you. Could I
17 submit this? Thank you.

18 MS. AEBLI: Thank you. Our next
19 speaker is Marie Schumacher.

20 MS. SCHUMACHER: Good evening. I'm
21 here tonight to talk about the allocation of
22 funds. I think we have been attracting too
23 many low and moderate income residents
24 by--just, we are getting overly
25 concentrated. And I think we need to switch

1 the housing money to rehab of existing homes
2 owned by low and moderate income people. We
3 have reached, I believe, the saturation
4 point. The stats are that 20 percent of our
5 residents are living below the poverty line
6 as it is which is well over the 13 percent
7 state statistic. And well over half--well
8 over half of the students in the Scranton
9 School District are receiving free lunches
10 and subsidized meals which indicates the
11 condition of their families. I'm
12 not--certainly not against helping people.
13 But as I say, we need--the city also needs a
14 balance of people who are contributing to
15 the wage tax and just in general. So, I
16 think, again, that's--as a matter of fact, I
17 would go so far as to say I would recommend
18 to the city that they petition our federal
19 representatives to establish a threshold by
20 which the housing money after a certain
21 point is reached as a percentage of low and
22 moderate income residents that the money be
23 cutoff to attract new residents and
24 concentrate on the existing ones. I think
25 we need some--renew some of the economic

1 development funding within the community,
2 but not until we have thoroughly analyzed
3 and publicized the terrible rate that we had
4 over the last decade of losses from the
5 economic development. We need to see where
6 we stand on that and we need to find out if
7 there were any common threads so that we
8 don't do that in the future. And then,
9 again, I would even go so far as to say that
10 existing businesses that maybe might be
11 suffering should be given priority over
12 establishing new, if that's possible. And
13 that's the extent of my comments. Thank
14 you.

15 MS. AEBLI: Thank you, Marie. Is
16 there any other speakers? If there's no
17 other speakers, this public hearing is
18 closed. Thank you.

19 (WHEREUPON, the proceedings
20 concluded.)
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COUNTY OF LACKAWANNA

I, Elizabeth V Kedrick, Notary Public, in and for the County of Wayne, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby certify:

That said testimony was taken pursuant to notice at the time and place as herein set forth; that said testimony was taken down by me and thereafter transcribed into typewriting, and I hereby certify the foregoing testimony is a full, true and correct transcription of my shorthand notes so taken.

I further certify that I am neither counsel for nor related to any party to said action, nor in anyway interested in the outcome thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 14th day of July, 2015.

Elizabeth V Kedrick

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Elizabeth V Kedrick,
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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,
Honesdale Borough, Wayne County
My commission expires 11/14/15

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Public Meeting
Action Plan 2016

Tuesday, July 7, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in Scranton City Council Chambers

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JIM CONNORS	YES	570-650-6522	JPC10@aol.com
OZZIE QUINN	HWA	570-558-6283	ozzie@quinn.com
MARIE SCHUMACHER	YES	570-498-0110	marie.schumacher@scrantonpa.gov

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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD:

Thursday, September 10, 2015

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Council Chambers

Scranton City Hall

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Scranton, Pennsylvania

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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

ROBERT MCGOFF, PRESIDENT
(Not present)

PATRICK ROGAN, VICE-PRESIDENT

WAYNE EVANS

JOSEPH WECHSLER

WILLIAM GAUGHAN

LORI REED, CITY CLERK

KATHY CARRERA, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

AMIL MINORA, SOLICITOR

1 MR. ROGAN: I'd like to call this
2 public hearing to order. Roll call, please.

3 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

4 MR. WECHSLER: Here.

5 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

6 MR. ROGAN: Here.

7 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

8 MR. EVANS: Here.

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Here.

11 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

12 MR. ROGAN: The purpose of said
13 public hearing is to hear testimony and
14 discuss the following: FILE OF COUNCIL NO.
15 118 2015, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE
16 OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF
17 SCRANTON TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO
18 IMPLEMENT THE CONSOLIDATED SUBMISSIONS UNDER
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22 INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME) PROGRAM AND
23 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS, (ESG) PROGRAM
24 FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2016.

25 We do have with us Linda Aebli.

1 Executive Director for OECD, as well as
2 Solicitor Attorney Hickey from OECD, would
3 you like to make some comments to open up to
4 the public?

5 MR. HICKEY: Not at this time.

6 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. The first
7 speaker on the list is Peg Ruddy.

8 MS. RUDDY: Good evening. I
9 appreciate this opportunity, city council,
10 to talk about the Women's Resource Center
11 work, specifically as it relates to these
12 two grants. The Women's Resource Center is
13 the sole agency in Scranton and all of
14 Lackawanna County to provide emergency life
15 saving services to victims of domestic
16 violence, sexual abuse, teen date violence
17 and stalking. Pick up the newspaper any day
18 and you will see that it's a huge problem
19 here in our community.

20 We have submitted a grant to the
21 Emergency Solutions Grant Program where we
22 are requesting \$27,763 to assist 100 victims
23 of domestic violence and their children
24 through our safe housing program. Again, we
25 are the sole provider of that type of

1 service in this community. Those funds will
2 pay for safe housing, case management,
3 utilities, household supplies and, you know,
4 the opportunity to provide safety.

5 In addition, under the Emergency
6 Solutions Grant we are looking for \$1,500 to
7 put towards homeless prevention. Many times
8 what happens with battered woman is perhaps,
9 you know, through no fault of her own the
10 batterer gets arrested and goes to jail, is
11 unable to work, she can't pay the rent, and
12 we use this money to assist her in
13 sheltering a place so that we can prevent
14 her from homeless for a short time so that
15 she can get back on her feet and with that
16 money we would be able to assist six adults
17 victims of domestic violence.

18 And, lastly, we are looking for
19 rapid rehousing dollars. It's an incredibly
20 successful program here. We have modeled
21 ourselves from other parts of the country
22 where they have recognized if you can get
23 victims of domestic violence into housing
24 right away you can solve a lot of their
25 other problems, and so we are looking for

1 \$16,755 to assist ten adults and five
2 children over the course of the year to pay
3 longer term rental assistance, again, while
4 they get on their feet. So the total
5 allocation that we requested from the
6 Emergency Shelter Grant program is \$46,018.

7 We also did submit a grant, I
8 noticed it wasn't on the list, but I just
9 want to put a word in for our community
10 development block grant. The Women's
11 Resource Center occupies 130-year-old
12 building in the City of Scranton that we,
13 you know, took off of the blight list many,
14 many years ago. We continue to make updates
15 and right now we are looking for just a
16 little bit of money to, you know, do some
17 repairs outside and as well as to increase
18 our safety, so I know it didn't make it on
19 the list but if there is any chance that,
20 you know, we may be able to get some of that
21 funding for some of those upgrades I would
22 really appreciate it. Thank you.

23 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Is there
24 anyone else who would like to address
25 council regarding this issue specifically

1 for the CDGB allotments, the action plan.

2 MS. SCHUMACHER: Good evening,
3 Council, Marie Schumacher. I have a couple
4 of questions. First of all, will the
5 administrative costs cover placing the Caper
6 on-line? It's been a number of years since
7 Mr. Mitchell's report said it would on-line
8 the following year.

9 MS. AEBLI: Are you talking about the
10 Caper or the five-year consolidated plan?
11 The Caper?

12 MS. SCHUMACHER: Yeah.

13 MS. AEBLI: I could put that
14 on-line, yeah, no problem.

15 MS. SCHUMACHER: The hazardous
16 structures, how many hazardous structures
17 are on the list and what is the average
18 demolition cost and how many would this
19 demolish? 800,000.

20 MS. AEBLI: It averages about
21 \$10,000 a unit -- I mean, a structure so we
22 do have about 20 homes, between 18 and 20.

23 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay, so you
24 obviously believe that's going to be hit.
25 Now, I have a question for council, I was

1 again flabbergasted, two weeks ago it was
2 the business privilege tax that nobody seems
3 to want to pay and we had at that point
4 hadn't even talked to anybody, this week it
5 is yesterday's headline story in the
6 Times-Tribune wanting to redistrict some
7 properties that are not in the low to
8 moderate income group into the low to
9 moderate income group, I don't see why.

10 Well, two things, first of all, I
11 would say that if one section of the city or
12 two sections of the city are, in fact,
13 miscalculated it's probably I would think
14 due to people not filling out the paperwork,
15 but then I would think the whole city would
16 be reviewed if that is the case, if two
17 districts are I would think perhaps all of
18 them are miscalculated, but for the purposes
19 of OECD, which seem to be that article, you
20 know, here we are with a CDBG request of 6.9
21 roughly million dollars and for 2015 we got
22 2.5 million so obviously some of these have
23 to be paid, we owe it to the federal
24 government, but you have got to make a lot
25 of cuts so I don't understand why you are

1 not paying for more applicants when we can't
2 afford -- we can't afford what we have
3 already got so I would like to know an
4 explanation on that.

5 MR. EVANS: Well, I think part of it
6 is to have more opportunities throughout the
7 entire city and I think everybody agrees on
8 council, I know that OECD agrees as well,
9 there is something wrong with the map. The
10 data that was put in there doesn't seem to
11 be right. The question is I guess what
12 could we do about it because what we want to
13 be able to do is pave more streets or have
14 more streets be eligible to be paved, have
15 police patrols be -- have their beats in
16 more areas throughout the city or extend
17 their beats, that doesn't cost anymore, that
18 just allows them to walk from this street to
19 the next street. So that's the opportunity
20 and I think we have to live with that map
21 for quite awhile so the questions is, again,
22 we all want to is it possible to do, I guess
23 is the question.

24 MS. SCHUMACHER: For the entire city
25 or just for South Scranton and the --

1 MR. EVANS: I think that the entire
2 map needs to be looked at. I'm not looking
3 at specific areas I'm looking at the entire
4 map.

5 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay, and is it
6 your plan to delete projects in totality?

7 MR. EVANS: No.

8 MS. SCHUMACHER: Or are you going to
9 cut everybody back? Are you going to cut
10 everybody something?

11 MR. EVANS: No, it has nothing to do
12 with the 2016 applications, I think it's
13 more about the future, it's more about
14 future opportunities.

15 MS. SCHUMACHER: No, but I mean with
16 respect to the 2016 request here that was
17 published in the paper and that is, you
18 know, again 6.9 million requested and this
19 year 2.5, who knows, I don't know, do we
20 have any idea what we are going to get for
21 2016 up or down?

22 MS. AEBLI: I was pretty on the mark
23 last year, I put in for 2.5 and we got 2.517
24 so hopefully --

25 MS. SCHUMACHER: So, again --

1 MR. EVANS: It should be consistent.
2 I guess, for next year. Obviously the money
3 is reduced every year because of budgetary
4 restrictions.

5 MR. ROGAN: It's the same every year
6 we have more applicants than money.

7 MS. SCHUMACHER: Yeah, I know, but
8 what is your intent with respect to
9 whittling these down to meet that say it's
10 2.5 just for arguments purposes, or even 3,
11 is it to give everybody a little bit or is
12 to cut --

13 MR. EVANS: No, I think with the
14 amount of budget the applications --

15 MR. HICKEY: There is out of that
16 6.9 million total of funding that was
17 requested there is roughly about 2.5 million
18 that the mayor has submitted to council to
19 fund which would be within the limit that we
20 actually receive from the federal
21 government.

22 MS. SCHUMACHER: So could you --

23 MR. HICKEY: You have total requests
24 that you are looking at.

25 MS. SCHUMACHER: Well, could you

1 tell me which -- just read them off quickly

2 --

3 MS. AEBLI: I'll give you the sheet.

4 MS. SCHUMACHER: -- so I can check
5 off which ones got deleted.

6 MS. AEBLI: These are the ones that
7 they requested and this is what we
8 determined we were going to fund. Okay?

9 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay. Thank you.
10 Can I keep this for a minute?

11 MS. AEBLI: You can keep those.

12 MR. ROGAN: Is there anyone else who
13 would like to address council? Mr. Morgan,
14 I know you just walked in, this is
15 specifically regarding the OECD action plan.

16 MR. MORGAN: Block grant money;
17 right?

18 MR. ROGAN: Right.

19 MR. MORGAN: I wish I would have
20 brought the article from the Scranton Times
21 to explain where all that money was going so
22 I could be more pinpoint on my opinions on
23 this, but I was running a little behind
24 schedule, but I think the money really in a
25 lot of instances has to be redirected from

1 where it's going. I'm seriously opposed to
2 the money going to the Novembrino pool,
3 okay, very seriously so because the
4 Novembrino pool was built with federal
5 money, too, and look it, the city really
6 needs to take look at this block grant money
7 and, you know, I don't care what politicians
8 think because they have taken the city to
9 where it is now and the people passing this
10 fund down to the city for a long time
11 haven't paid enough have attention to where
12 that money was going and with a nation in
13 the shape we are in, as Mr. Casey was
14 talking about, now these block grants in the
15 future are going to be very, very seriously
16 cut.

17 I really think a lot of the block
18 grant money has to be spread out in
19 neighborhoods to help with sidewalks, curbs,
20 housing, redevelopment, blighted properties,
21 and I think that the city had an obligation
22 to make sure that it maintained all of the
23 complexes that were built with federal
24 funds. As you know, the South Side Sports
25 Complex was built with federal funds,

1 Section 70 funds, and it was illegal sell
2 yet it was still sold and, you know, there
3 is a lot of other people receiving money and
4 grants that I read in the newspaper and,
5 look it, I mean, the days of pay and play
6 politics, if you want to call it that, some
7 of these people are worth it, there is no
8 doubt, but I think we really have to
9 reexamine where that money is going.

10 When you talk to average
11 Scrantonians that are losing their houses to
12 sheriff's sales and we look at a city that's
13 so mismanaged that, I mean, I don't want to
14 throw everything in together, but look at
15 what we are doing with our assets and here
16 we are wondering about how we are going to
17 spread grant block money and look where it's
18 going, and I asked the councilmen to take a
19 good, hard look at where their money is
20 going and to change the plan, to change the
21 plan so that it benefits as many
22 Scrantonians as possible.

23 You know, the Scranton Times did an
24 article, and it may be a little off topic,
25 but the Scranton Times did an article

1 recently about the firemen grant, we are
2 going to high and we can't pay in the
3 future, we have done that before, I just
4 think it's time to pick a new direction for
5 the city and start moving that way.

6 And if you are paying attention to
7 what's going on in this country the
8 Democratic and Republican parties are just
9 about out because they have determined that
10 they are probably not going to back Hillary
11 and they are probably not going to back any
12 of the major Republican candidate that have
13 tons of special interest money. So, you
14 know, you might say well, what does that
15 have to do with block grant money because
16 it's all political money and you know the
17 average person can't find a decent job,
18 doesn't have training, doesn't have a ton of
19 things, the neighborhoods are rolled back,
20 we have multiple pages of sheriff's lists,
21 sales on homes.

22 Look it, I know that you can put
23 your heads together, everybody here, and
24 find a more worthy conduit for that money,
25 and the Novembrino project has no merit,

1 absolutely none. The money earmarked for
2 that project is a waste of money, it's a
3 waste of federal money, okay, it's a waste
4 of any money that's put in there. You need
5 to reclaim that complex from what it is now
6 and the city needs to either come up with
7 the money to do that or leave the complex
8 the way it is abandoned because this isn't
9 free money, this is blood money. This is
10 tax that was taken from other people
11 throughout the country and it was hoped that
12 worthy projects were done with it, and some
13 of the projects are worthy, and that's why
14 you are here because you have to make that
15 determination. You are going to determine
16 what's politics and what isn't, and if this
17 plan goes forward as it is, you might as
18 well just blindfold yourself to every vote
19 you take and just keep going the way you are
20 because the city is a corpse, and not only
21 that but the country is tired of it, too.
22 Thank you.

23 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Is there
24 anyone else who would like to address
25 council? Mrs. Aebli, anything, any final

1 comments?

2 MS. AEBLI: Not at this time. Thank
3 you.

4 MR. ROGAN: All right. I'm sorry,
5 Councilman Evans has a question.

6 MR. EVANS: I just wanted to
7 clarify, it was in the paper, and I think we
8 need to talk about it a little about, about
9 the manning, is there anything at all that
10 we can do on a going forward basis to change
11 some of the locations and the maps that we
12 know are incorrect?

13 MR. HICKEY: Yeah, we are looking at
14 the process, I know you received the regs on
15 it from Ms. Aebli.

16 MS. EVANS: Yeah, and I totally
17 understand the difficulty of dealing with
18 HUD and regulations.

19 MR. HICKEY: Yeah, just so everybody
20 is aware, the regulations that require the
21 surveys is a, in my opinion, a Herculean
22 task given the staffing level of the
23 department now, so what we are going to do
24 is take a look at it, see what the
25 requirements are, look at it from the

1 perspective of man hours, whether it be paid
2 staff, volunteers, wherever it might be, and
3 determine if there is something that can be
4 done, I mean, but just so council
5 understands the requirements are very
6 specific and very strict and, you know, at
7 this point we are just not sure whether or
8 not we are equipped to do that survey
9 process, whether it be individually by
10 canvassing neighborhoods, mail, whatever it
11 might be, there is a different process
12 involved for each type of survey that you
13 try to accomplish and there is pros and cons
14 to all of it, so it's something that we are
15 looking at, we will be happy to get back to
16 council.

17 MS. EVANS: And if we come to the
18 conclusion that maybe there is outside help
19 that needs to be done with this and
20 something we can help with, professional
21 services or an RFP let us know because I
22 think it's a worthwhile endeavor if we can
23 find a way to do it. All right. Thank you.

24 MS. AEBLI: Thank you.

25 MR. EVANS: Thank you very much.

1 MR. GAUGHAN: I have one quick
2 question. Thank you. Can you just briefly
3 explain the scoring process for the CDBG
4 applications and how that works?

5 MS. AEBLI: Yes, several years ago,
6 I don't have one in front of me to tell you,
7 but I could send you one exactly how we did
8 it. Maybe I have one here, hold on. I
9 don't think I have one in here, Mr. Gaughan.
10 I will provide city council, there is a
11 scoring system that we use.

12 MR. HICKEY: With criteria.

13 MS. AEBLI: The criteria, yeah, of
14 how we do it.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you.

16 MR. ROGAN: Anything else?

17 (Hearing adjourned.)
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I hereby certify that the proceedings and evidence are contained fully and accurately in the notes of testimony taken by me at the hearing of the above-captioned matter and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the same to the best of my ability.

CATHENE S. NARDOZZI, RPR
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF SCRANTON
PROPOSED SECOND YEAR ACTION PLAN
January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016

Applications for July 1, 2015 applications will be available for the City of Scranton's Second Year Action Plan 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). The Action Plan covers the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 and activities must be consistent with the needs and objectives identified in the City of Scranton's five-year Consolidated Plan, specifically for economic, low, and moderate income families. Eligible applicants must be incorporated for-profit, nonprofit, or public organizations or businesses able to undertake their approved activities within the boundaries of the City of Scranton. Applicants must demonstrate the financial management and programmatic expertise to successfully develop, design, implement and monitor the proposed activity. All applicants must meet other federal requirements concerning equal opportunity, affirmative marketing, environmental review, displacement, relocation, acquisition, labor-based payment, conflict of interest, debarment, and suspension and find insurance where applicable. Anticipated 2016 allocations totals are as follows:

CDBG	\$2,500,000.00
HOME	\$ 400,000.00
ESG	\$ 240,000.00

Applications are available online at www.scrantonpa.gov, department DECO. Applications must be submitted by mail or hand delivered no later than 3:00 p.m. on Friday, August 7, 2015. Failure to provide all necessary information may disqualify applicants.

William L. Sutcliffe
Mayor

Linda B. Aebi
Executive Director
DECO

the 1500 block of Monroe Avenue near Green Ridge Street on moon. Dunmore police Capt. Richard Barth said the driver injured, but claimed he blacked out right before the crash. His car one parked car and then a second, pushing it about 7 feet before Capt. Barth said. The driver, whom the captain could not identify, was taken by ambulance to a local hospital. He is to be charged without a license, Capt. Barth said.

Clark Summit; a property at Rock Ridge Drive, South Abington Twp., for \$130,000.
 ■ Hills of Archbold Phase III, Inc., Archbald, to Arlene J. Jovan, Scott Twp.; a property at 900 Old Ridge Road, Archbald, for \$200,000.
 ■ Shelby L. and Jeremy

Richard and David Korusko, as executors of the estate of Leo Bogarsky and administrators of the estate of Josephine Korusko and Ronald Korusko, to Thomas Smith, Scott Twp.; a property at East Benton Road, Scott Twp., for \$75,000.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

**CITY OF SCRANTON
 PROPOSED FIRST YEAR ACTION PLAN
 JANUARY 1, 2016 – DECEMBER 31, 2016**

Sept. 9, 2015

Scranton is required to develop a Second (2nd) Year Consolidated Plan which is to be funded through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and the Emergency Program (ESG) administered by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This Action Plan covers the period beginning January 1, 2016, and ending December 31, 2016. The proposed plan is to be consistent with the needs and objectives outlined in the new City of Scranton Five (5) Year Consolidated Plan principally for extremely low to moderate income families. Anticipated allocations for 2016 are as follows:

• \$2,500,000.00
 • \$ 400,000.00
 • \$ 250,000.00

The proposed Second Year Action Plan is available for review at the following:

City Office of Economic and Community Development
 City Clerk, Municipal Building
 City Controller, Municipal Building

Hearing will be scheduled by Scranton City Council to receive citizen input on the proposed plan. Those unable to attend the hearing may submit their comments to the Office of Economic and Community Development, Municipal Building, 6th Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503. All comments must be received no later than Thursday, September 17, 2015.

OBJECTIVES

Reduction of slums and blight
 Creation of conditions that is detrimental to health, safety and public welfare
 Expansion and improvement 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 invites parties who may have an interest in activities which may impact historic resources to make themselves known so that we can involve them in the 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, September 17, 2015 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, September 17, 2015.

LIST OF PROJECTS IS ATTACHED

The following is the list of applications received by the City of Scranton/CDBG. Scranton City Council selects and approves activities for program year 2016 that is the Second Year of the City of Scranton's 2015 – 2019 Five (5) Year Consolidated Plan.

William L. Courtright
 Mayor
 Scranton City

Lynda B. Ashill
 Executive Director
 Office of Economic and Community Development

**Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)
 Estimated Amount - \$2,500,000.00**

City of Scranton/CPW	Paving of Streets to Include Handicap Curb Cuts	\$1,800,000.00
City of Scranton/CDBG	Sidewalk & Streetscape Improvements	\$ 250,000.00
City of Scranton/ESG	Demolition of Hazardous Structures	\$ 600,000.00
City of Scranton/OECD	Repayment Section 108 / Steamtown Mall Partners	\$ 172,100.00
City of Scranton/CDBG	Repayment Section 108 / Scranton Hotel	\$ 259,500.00
City of Scranton/OECD	Administration / CDBG	\$ 500,000.00
City of Scranton/OECD	Economic Development Activities	\$ 300,000.00
City of Scranton/CPW	November Pool & Park Complex	\$ 646,500.00
City of Scranton/Fire Dept.	New Pumping Engine for Station 47	\$ 250,000.00
City of Scranton/Police	Public Service - Neighborhood Police Patrol	\$ 321,675.80
Lackawanna Neighbors, Inc.	Housing Acquisition, & Rehabilitation Project	\$ 600,000.00
Boys & Girls Club of NEPA	Energy Efficient Window Replacement Project	\$ 106,550.00
Senior Resources Center	Safety and Security Upgrades	\$ 47,074.00
Iron Park St. Little League	Storage Building Construction	\$ 18,500.00
Scranton Dutch Little League	Field Repairs	\$ 110,000.00
Scranton Little League	Facility Improvement Project	\$ 25,000.00
UNC of NEPA	Public Service - Construction Program	\$ 40,000.00
UNC of NEPA	Public Service - Project Hope	\$ 80,000.00
UNC of NEPA	Marketplace on Cedar	\$ 250,000.00
UNC of NEPA	Public Service - SCOT A Adult Literacy Program	\$ 20,000.00
UNC of NEPA	Public Service - Bellevue Youth Program	\$ 15,000.00
Boys & Girls Club of NEPA	Public Service - Park II Program	\$ 47,377.00
Dress For Success	Public Service - Tools for Success	\$ 20,000.00
Shelby McAuley Center	Public Service - Transitional Housing Program	\$ 10,000.00
St. Joseph's Center	Public Service - Mother Infant Program	\$ 5,000.00
ScrantonWorks of NEPA	Public Service - Historic Warehouse Creation & Preservation (Historic Counseling)	\$ 7500.00

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

Scranton's Office of Economic and Community Development
 Office of the City Clerk, Municipal Building
 Office of City Controller, Municipal Building

A Public Hearing will be scheduled by Scranton City Council to receive citizen comments on the proposed plan. Those unable to attend the hearing may submit their comments to the Office of Economic and Community Development, Municipal Building, 140 N. Washington Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503. All comments must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 17, 2015.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES

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

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William L. Coartright
 Mayor
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 Executive Director
 Office of Economic and Community Development

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Estimated Amount - \$2,500,000.00		
City of Scranton/DPW	Paving of Streets to Include Landscaped Curb Cuts	\$1,800,000.00
City of Scranton/OECD	Streetscape & Streetscape Improvements	\$ 250,000.00
City of Scranton/LIPS	Demolition of Hazardous Structures	\$ 800,000.00
City of Scranton/OECD	Repayment Section 108 / Steamtown Mall Partners	\$ 72,100.00
City of Scranton/OECD	Repayment Section 108 / Steamtown Hotel	\$ 259,000.00
City of Scranton/OECD	Administration / CDBG	\$ 600,000.00
City of Scranton/OECD	Economic Development Activities	\$ 300,000.00
City of Scranton/DPW	New Swimming Pool & Park Complex	\$ 645,000.00
City of Scranton/Fire Dept.	New Pumper/Engine for Station #7	\$ 250,000.00
City of Scranton/Police	Public Service - Neighborhood Police Patrol	\$ 327,878.89
Lackawanna Neighbors, Inc.	Housing Acquisition, & Rehabilitation Project	\$ 300,000.00
Boys & Girls Club of NEPA	Energy Efficient Window Replacement Project	\$ 198,559.00
Warner's Resource Center	Safety and Security Upgrades	\$ 42,074.00
Western Park Sr. Little League	Storage Building Construction	\$ 18,500.00
Mervine Dutch Little League	Field Repairs	\$ 116,000.00
North Scranton Little League	Facility Improvement Project	\$ 25,000.00
UNC of NEPA	Public Service - Condemnation Program	\$ 41,500.00
UNC of NEPA	Public Service - Project Steps	\$ 80,000.00
UNC of NEPA	Marketplace on Center	\$ 250,000.00
UNC of NEPA	Public Service - SCQI & Adult Literacy Program	\$ 20,000.00
UNC of NEPA	Public Service - Bullsvue Youth Program	\$ 15,000.00
Boys & Girls Club of NEPA	Public Service - Park II Program	\$ 47,377.00
Dress For Success	Public Service - Tools for Success	\$ 20,000.00
Catharina McAuley Center	Public Service - Transitional Housing Program	\$ 10,000.00
St. Joseph's Center	Public Service - Mother Infant Program	\$ 5,000.00
NeighborWorks of NEPA	Public Service - Homeownership Creation & Preservation (Housing Counseling)	\$ 7,500.00
Friendship House	Parking Lot Paving Project	\$ 48,358.00
HBI Neighborhood Assoc.	Variant Lot Revitalization	\$ 15,000.00
Commonwealth Med'l College	Manual Arts Bldg Rehabilitation	\$ 513,000.00
TOTAL		\$6,869,044.90

HOME Investment Partnership Program Estimated Amount - \$400,000.00		
City of Scranton/OECD	Administration / HOME Program	\$ 80,000.00
City of Scranton/OECD	Rental Rehabilitation	\$100,000.00
City of Scranton/OECD	Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program	\$26,000.00
City of Scranton/OECD	Homebuyer Assistance Program	\$ 30,000.00
City of Scranton/OECD	Homeless Shelter	\$ 54,000.00
Lackawanna Neighbors, Inc.	Housing Acquisition & Rehabilitation Program	\$ 90,000.00
TOTAL		\$800,000.00

Emergency Solutions Grant Program Estimated Amount - 250,000.00		
City of Scranton/OECD	Administration / ESG Program	\$ 18,000.00
UNC of NEPA	Homeless Shelter	\$ 232,000.00

The Scranton Times (Under act P.L. 877 No 160, July 9, 1976)
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PUBLIC HEARING

Scranton's Office of Economic and Community Development (OECED) will conduct a public hearing to obtain citizens' views on housing and non-housing community development needs in the City of Scranton and the development of proposed actions to address those needs. This meeting, which will take place on Tuesday, July 7, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. in Scranton City Council Chambers, City Hall, 340 North Washington Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18502 will provide an opportunity for city residents to participate in the development and implementation of Scranton's Second Year Action Plan, which covers the year beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016. Anyone needing the services of an interpreter or any other services under the American Disability Act (ADA) should notify OECED at least forty-eight hours before meeting.

Citizens who are unable to attend the public hearing may submit their comments by Friday, August 7, 2015 to Scranton's Office of Economic and Community Development (OECED) at the following address:

Office of Economic and Community Development (OECED)
Municipal Building
340 North Washington Avenue
Scranton, PA 18502

Projects and activities to be included in the Action Plan must be consistent with the needs and objectives identified in Scranton's 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. Anticipated 2016 allocations for community and economic development activities, affordable housing and homelessness: total \$3,150,000 and are as follows:

- Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) - \$2,500,000.00
- Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) - \$400,000.00
- Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) - \$250,000.00

Those wishing to apply for assistance may obtain applications at OECED or on line at www.scrantonpa.gov. All applications must be submitted by mail or hand delivered no later than 3:00 p.m. on Friday, August 7, 2015. Failure to provide all necessary information may disqualify applicant for funding. Staff persons are available to provide technical assistance. Interested persons schedule an appointment by calling 348-4246, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The City will submit the 2016 Action Plan after the actual allocation amounts are approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

William L. Courtright
Mayor

Linda E. Achli
Executive Director

City accepting grant requests

Some suggestions offered at OECD hearing

BY JON O'CONNELL
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Free swimming for all, stronger efforts to fight urban blight and more cash to help existing local businesses were all suggestions offered to Scranton development employees who wanted comment on how to divvy up \$3.15 million in expected federal grants for 2016.

During a hearing Tuesday night in City Hall, city Office of Economic and Community

Development Executive Director Linda Aebli and her staff took public comment on how to spend grant money from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to be put toward community development, home investment and emergency preparedness.

From three separate HUD programs, Scranton is to receive an estimated \$2.5 million in Community Development Block Grants.

■ \$400,000 in HOME Investment Partnerships.

■ \$250,000 in Emergency Solutions Grants.

Ms. Aebli said the sums are preliminary and could change.

Those who wish to apply for grants can find applications at www.scrantonpa.gov/Applications for next year's grants are due by 3 p.m. Aug. 7.

The OECD uses HUD's scoring sheet to decide which applications will be granted and judges based

on project need, feasibility and the applicant's track record.

One of only three attending Tuesday's hearing, former Mayor Jim Connors said swimming in the city's public pools should be free to all Scranton residents, not just those who meet low-income requirements.

Hill Neighborhood Association President Ozzie Quinn said money should be used to enforce the city's rental ordinance, which is ignored by some landlords in the city's Hill Section.

Marie Schumacher said too much has been spent on enticing new residents and businesses to the city when some could be better used to build up what is already here.

She urged the city officials to analyze past grant expenditures and identify what programs have not succeeded. "We need to see where we stand on that and see if there are any common threads so we don't do that in the future," she said.

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