

# Action Plan

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**Cover Letter**





June 20, 2017

Mr. Nadab O. Bynum  
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**Re: Scranton, Pennsylvania  
2017 Action Plan  
Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)  
HOME Program  
Emergency Solutions Program (ESG)  
SF-424 / Certifications**

Dear Mr. Bynum:

Attached please find the Third Year Action Plan along with SF-424 forms and Certifications for the period beginning January 1, 2017.

The allocations for the City of Scranton are:

CDBG	-	\$2,453,897.00
HOME	-	\$ 398774.00
ESG	-	\$ 222,560.00

Please contact this office at 570/348-4216, or email me at [Laebli@scrantonpa.gov](mailto:Laebli@scrantonpa.gov) if additional information is needed

Sincerely,

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2017 Action Plan  
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**2017 Action Plan**

**AP-05 to AP-90**

## Executive Summary

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

#### 1. Introduction

The 2017 Action Plan (Action Plan) represents the third 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 2017 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.

There were several Scranton residents that spoke requesting funding for the McLain Park in North Scranton and for paving of streets. Both are funded in the 2017 Action Plan

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

There were no comments that were not accepted. Comments that were received especially on McLain Park; a park that is in desperate need of rehabilitation; was increased \$60,000 to the proposed \$90,000 to \$150,000.00

## **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, public services, homeless, non-homeless, veterans, families, individuals from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. 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 is the lead agency responsible for overseeing the development of the Consolidated Plan for the City of Scranton, Pennsylvania. Scranton’s Office of Economic and Community Development (OECD) also administers the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (HESG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Grant. The Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information is :

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

### **1. Introduction**

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.

### **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))**

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 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.**

City of Scranton has several organizations addressing the needs of homeless and vulnerable residents. The majority of these organizations participate in the Lackawanna County Continuum of Care and the Housing Coalition, which meets monthly to evaluate and improve conditions for vulnerable city and county residents. 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.

**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**

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	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p> <p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p> <p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p> <p><b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p>	<p>Scranton Housing Authority</p> <p>PHA</p> <p>Public Housing Needs</p> <p>Scranton's Office of Economic and Community Development contacts the Scranton Housing Authority and requests an update on their needs and input to the Action Plan.</p>
2	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p> <p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p> <p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p> <p><b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p>	<p>WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER, INC.</p> <p>Services - Housing Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services - Victims</p> <p>Homeless Needs - Families with children</p> <p>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.</p>
3	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p> <p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p> <p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p> <p><b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p>	<p>COMMUNITY INTERVENTION CENTER</p> <p>Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment</p> <p>Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth</p> <p>Community Intervention Center is a non-profit and a member of the Lackawanna County Continuum that provides assistance to any low/moderate income person. Acts as a day shelter.</p>

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

6	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p> <p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p>	<p>CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES</p> <p>Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Employment</p>
	<p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs</p>
	<p><b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p>	<p>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.</p>
7	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p> <p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p>	<p>CATHERINE MCAULEY CENTER</p> <p>Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-homeless</p>
	<p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth</p>
	<p><b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p>	<p>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.</p>

8	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services - Housing Neighborhood Organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	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 or possibly new construction of housing.

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

Through our Public Notices and Public Hearings held by both City Council and Scranton's Office of Economic and Community Development; every Agency and resident has the opportunity to come forward and provide input on our Consolidated Plan and yearly Action Plan. There was no known Agency that was not contacted.

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

<b>Name of Plan</b>	<b>Lead Organization</b>	<b>How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?</b>
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

**Narrative (optional)**

**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 2017 Action Plan. Additional comments from participants of the public hearing helped 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, infrastructure of our parks and the Neighborhood Police (Public Safety).

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>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	<p>Public meeting was held by Scranton's Office of Economic and Community Development (OECD) on Tuesday, July 12, 2016.</p> <p>Annual Action Plan 2017</p>	<p>Representative from the Women's Resource Center, a non-profit organization, that serves adults, teens and young child survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and dating violence. They were requesting \$25,000 to renovate the carriage house. Also, a North Scranton Neighborhood Association Watch submitted and application for the McLain Park on Rockwell Avenue to replace fencing, playground equipment, flag pole, sidewalks, basketball court, garbage cans.</p>	<p>McLain Park was a high priority need to the residents of Scranton and it was funded, however, not for the full amount. The project will be scaled back to \$150,000.00. Women's Resource Center was not funded due to not having enough funding to complete the project to bring the carriage house up to code in order to house low income women and children.</p> <p>14</p>	

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>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	<p>Scranton City Council held a public hearing on Thursday, September 22, 2016 for the 2017 Action Plan.</p>	<p>Several members of the North Scranton Neighborhood Association spoke on the McLain Park located on Rockwell Avenue indicating the dangers of the park and wanting to see this park revitalized. The Director of the Women's Resource Center also spoke about the renovations to the Carriage House.</p>	<p>McLain Park project was funded for \$150,000. Due to limited resources Women's Resource Center was not funded. All funded needed for the activity were not in place and this would not be an efficient way to use federal resources.</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.

### Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1			Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$		

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$	
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	2,453,897	0	0	2,453,897	The CDBG program is a flexible program that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs.
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	398,774	0	0	398,774	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 a formula grant to participating jurisdictions and Scranton began receiving HOME funding in 1992.
						5,000,000	
							800,000

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder 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	222,560	0	0	222,560	500,000	Emergency Solutions Grant Program will carry out street outreach, emergency shelter, homeless prevention, rapid re-housing, HMIS and Administration.

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**

Emergency Solutions Grant Program match requirement will be followed under 24 CFR 85.24. At this time the Scranton's HOME Program due to its poverty percent is exempt 100% from the Match requirement; however, Scranton still collects data on match that is required under

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, 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

#### 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: \$490,779 HOME: \$39,877 ESG: \$16,692	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: 6 Jobs
3	Demolition of Hazardous Structures	2015	2019	Demolition of Hazardous Structures	City of Scranton.Citywide	Demolition of Hazardous Structures	CDBG: \$150,000	Buildings Demolished: 12 Buildings
4	Section 108 Repayment	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Scranton Local Business District	Section 108 Repayment	CDBG: \$436,819	Other: 2 Other

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Public Facilities/Infrastructure	2015	2019	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development	South Scranton Scranton.North Scranton Citywide/Low Mod Area	Public Facilities/Infrastructure Improvements	CDBG: \$649,355	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 25000 Persons Assisted
6	Public Service.Youth	2015	2019	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	City of Scranton.Citywide	Public Services	CDBG: \$65,000	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 200 Households Assisted
7	Public Services.Crime Prevention	2015	2019		Citywide/Low Mod Area	Public Services	CDBG: \$261,845	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 15000 Households Assisted
8	Public Service.Child Care	2015	2019	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	City of Scranton.Citywide	Public Services	CDBG: \$10,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 10 Households Assisted
9	Rehabilitate Owner-Occupied Housing Units	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	City of Scranton.Citywide	Housing Rehabilitation/Neighborhood Revitalization	CDBG: \$54,000 HOME: \$273,897	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 8 Household Housing Unit



Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
10	ESG - Rapid Rehousing Assistance	2015	2019	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs	City of Scranton.Citywide	Homelessness Prevention / Continuum of Care	ESG: \$40,775	Homelessness Prevention: 25 Persons Assisted
11	ESG - Homelessness Prevention	2015	2019	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	City of Scranton.Citywide	Homelessness Prevention / Continuum of Care	ESG: \$31,500	Homelessness Prevention: 15 Persons Assisted
12	ESG - Emergency shelter	2015	2019	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	City of Scranton.Citywide	Homelessness Prevention / Continuum of Care	ESG: \$133,536	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 300 Persons Assisted Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added: 50 Beds
13	Homebuyer Program	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	City of Scranton.Citywide	Increase Access to affordable Housing	HOME: \$25,000	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 5 Households Assisted
14	Housing Development	2015	2019	Affordable Housing Public Housing	City of Scranton.Citywide	Increase Access to affordable Housing	HOME: \$60,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 1 Household Housing Unit
15	Support Non-Homeless Special Needs	2015	2019	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs	City of Scranton.Citywide	Public Services	CDBG: \$5,000	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 5 Households Assisted

**Table 6 – Goals Summary**  
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## Goal Descriptions

1	<b>Goal Name</b>	Administration
	<b>Goal Description</b>	
2	<b>Goal Name</b>	Economic Development - Job Creation
	<b>Goal Description</b>	
3	<b>Goal Name</b>	Demolition of Hazardous Structures
	<b>Goal Description</b>	
4	<b>Goal Name</b>	Section 108 Repayment
	<b>Goal Description</b>	
5	<b>Goal Name</b>	Public Facilities/Infrastructure
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Paving - \$400,000; McLain Park - \$150,000; Connell Park - \$29,000; Sidewalk & Streetscape improvements - \$70,355.00
6	<b>Goal Name</b>	Public Service: Youth
	<b>Goal Description</b>	UNC Project HOPE - \$40,000; Boys and Girls Club - \$15,000; UNC Bellvue Center - \$10,000

7	<b>Goal Name</b>	Public Services.Crime Prevention
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Neighborhood Police Patrol
8	<b>Goal Name</b>	Public Service.Child Care
	<b>Goal Description</b>	St. Joseph's Center - \$10,000.00
9	<b>Goal Name</b>	Rehabilitate Owner-Occupied Housing Units
	<b>Goal Description</b>	CDBG - \$54,000 - Scranton Lackawanna Human Development Agency; HOME Program - Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program - \$273,897.00
10	<b>Goal Name</b>	ESG - Rapid Rehousing Assistance
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Catherine McAuley Center - \$13,000; Community Intervention Center - \$10,000; Women's Resource Center - \$17,775.00
11	<b>Goal Name</b>	ESG - Homelessness Prevention
	<b>Goal Description</b>	UNC - \$31,000 Women's Resource Center \$500.00
12	<b>Goal Name</b>	ESG - Emergency shelter
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Catherine McAuley Center - \$27000; Community Intervention Center - \$18,000; St. Joseph's Center - \$18,000; Women's Resource Center - \$15536.00; Catholic Social Services (St. Francis Commons) - \$10,000; Catholic Social Services (St. James Manor) - \$10,000; Catholic Social Servicw (St. Anthony's Haven) \$35,000
13	<b>Goal Name</b>	Homebuyer Program
	<b>Goal Description</b>	HOME Program's Homebuyer Program - \$25,000

14	<b>Goal Name</b>	Housing Development
	<b>Goal Description</b>	CHDO - \$60,000 Our CHDO that will be determined at a later date will leverage our HOME Program funding to rehabilitate a single family home along with Scranton Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program that will assist 4 families.
15	<b>Goal Name</b>	Support Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Public Service for Catherine McAuley Center Rental Assistance

# Projects

## 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.

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#### **5) Affirmatively Further Fair Housing**

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

#### **6) Administration**

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

## Projects

#	Project Name
1	CDBG Administration
2	Economic Development
3	Infrastructure to include Paving, Sidewalks & Streetscape Improvements
4	Public Service - YOUTH
5	Fire Station/Equipment
6	Public Service - Crime Awareness
7	Clearance and Demolition
8	Public Service - Child Care
9	Public Facilities and Improvements
10	Section 108 Repayments
11	Weatherization/Energy Efficiency Improvements
12	Public Service - Rental Housing Subsidies
13	HOME Program - Administration
14	HOME Program - Homeowner Rehab Program
15	HOME Program - CHDO
16	HOME Program - Homebuyer Program
17	Emergency Solutions Grant - HESG
18	Contingency

**Table 7 - Project Information**



## AP-38 Project Summary

### Project Summary Information

1	<b>Project Name</b>	CDBG Administration
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Scranton.Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Administration
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Administration
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$518,779
	<b>Description</b>	General Administration for the CDBG Program. Also will include \$28,000 for administration of the HOME Program
	<b>Target Date</b>	4/30/2018
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	N/A
	<b>Location Description</b>	N/A
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Administration
2	<b>Project Name</b>	Economic Development
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Scranton.Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Economic Development - Job Creation
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Economic Development / Job Creation
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$200,000
	<b>Description</b>	
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The National Objective for Economic Development activities is job creation. The business must create one full time equivalent job under the 80% median income for every \$35,000.00 received.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Economic Development activities can be within the City of Scranton (Citywide)
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	

3	<b>Project Name</b>	Infrastructure to include Paving, Sidewalks & Streetscape Improvements
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Scranton.Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Facilities/Infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Facilities/Infrastructure Improvements
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$470,366
	<b>Description</b>	Will reconstruct roads to include handicap curbcuts within the City of Scranton in low to moderate income areas \$400,000. Also designate portion of the funding to Sidewalks and streetscape improvements. \$70,336.00
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/30/2017
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	This is unknown at this time. This will depend on the number of persons living in all the census tract of the 2017 paving program.
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
4	<b>Project Name</b>	Public Service - YOUTH
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Scranton.Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Service.Youth
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$65,000
	<b>Description</b>	UNC Bellevue Youth Program - \$10,000.00; UNC Project HOPE - \$40,000.00; Boys and Girls Club Park It Program - \$15,000.00;
	<b>Target Date</b>	8/31/2018
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
5	<b>Project Name</b>	Fire Station/Equipment
	<b>Target Area</b>	Citywide/Low Mod Area

	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Facilities/Infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Facilities/Infrastructure Improvements
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$100,000
	<b>Description</b>	Balance to purchase a fire truck that will be placed in a area to benefit low/mod income families
	<b>Target Date</b>	3/31/2017
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
6	<b>Project Name</b>	Public Service - Crime Awareness
	<b>Target Area</b>	Citywide/Low Mod Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Demolition of Hazardous Structures Public Services.Crime Prevention
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$261,845
	<b>Description</b>	Scranton City Neighborhood Police Patrol
	<b>Target Date</b>	8/31/2018
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
7	<b>Project Name</b>	Clearance and Demolition
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Scranton.Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Demolition of Hazardous Structures
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Demolition of Hazardous Structures
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$150,000
	<b>Description</b>	Demolition of Hazardous Structures

	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2018
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
8	<b>Project Name</b>	Public Service - Child Care
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Scranton.Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Service.Child Care
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$10,000
	<b>Description</b>	St. Joseph's Center - Mother Infant Program - \$10,000.00
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
9	<b>Project Name</b>	Public Facilities and Improvements
	<b>Target Area</b>	South Scranton Scranton.North Scranton
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Facilities/Infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Facilities/Infrastructure Improvements
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$179,000
	<b>Description</b>	McLain Park Improvement Project - \$150,000.00; Connell Park Renovations - \$29,000.00;
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	

	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
<b>10</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Section 108 Repayments
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Scranton.Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Section 108 Repayment
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Section 108 Repayment
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$436,819
	<b>Description</b>	Scranton Hotel - \$235,533; Steamtown Mall - \$201,286.00
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2017
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	NA
	<b>Location Description</b>	NA
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
	<b>11</b>	<b>Project Name</b>
<b>Target Area</b>		City of Scranton.Citywide
<b>Goals Supported</b>		Rehabilitate Owner-Occupied Housing Units
<b>Needs Addressed</b>		Housing Rehabilitation/Neighborhood Revitalization
<b>Funding</b>		CDBG: \$54,000
<b>Description</b>		Scranton-Lackawanna Human Development Agency Weatherization Deferral Resolution Program - \$54,000.00
<b>Target Date</b>		
<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>		10 families Weatherization cannot be completed until other code violations are completed.
<b>Location Description</b>		
<b>Planned Activities</b>		
<b>12</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Public Service - Rental Housing Subsidies
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Scranton.Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Support Non-Homeless Special Needs

	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$5,000
	<b>Description</b>	Catherine McAuley Center - Renal Assistance - \$5,000.00
	<b>Target Date</b>	1/31/2018
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
<b>13</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	HOME Program - Administration
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Scranton.Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Administration
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Administration
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$39,877
	<b>Description</b>	105 of the HOME Program is used for Administration of all HOME activities.
	<b>Target Date</b>	3/31/2018
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
<b>14</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	HOME Program - Homeowner Rehab Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Scranton.Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Rehabilitate Owner-Occupied Housing Units
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing Rehabilitation/Neighborhood Revitalization
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$273,897
	<b>Description</b>	Rehabilitation of homes in Scranton for low/mod income households. Homes must be the primary resident and it must be brought up to code.

	<b>Target Date</b>	1/31/2018
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
15	<b>Project Name</b>	HOME Program - CHDO
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Scranton.Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Housing Development
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Increase Access to affordable Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$60,000
	<b>Description</b>	CHDO is a private non-profit community based organization that has staff with capacity to develop affordable housing for the community. 15% of HOME funds must be set aside for CHDO.
	<b>Target Date</b>	1/31/2019
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
16	<b>Project Name</b>	HOME Program - Homebuyer Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Scranton.Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Homebuyer Program
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Increase Access to affordable Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$25,000
	<b>Description</b>	To assist income eligible families purchase homes in Scranton by providing assistance with down payment and closing costs.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2018



	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
<b>17</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Emergency Solutions Grant - HESG
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Scranton.Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Administration ESG - Rapid Rehousing Assistance ESG - Homelessness Prevention ESG - Emergency shelter
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Homelessness Prevention / Continuim of Care
	<b>Funding</b>	ESG: \$222,560
	<b>Description</b>	The Emergency Solutions Grant Program assists the following Sub-Recipients within the Scranton-Lackawanna Continuum of Care; Catherine McCauley, UNC, Community Intervention Center, St. Joseph's Center and Women's Resource Center.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2018
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
<b>18</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Contingency
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Scranton.Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Services.Crime Prevention
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$3,088
	<b>Description</b>	These funds will be used on any overrun project \$3,088.00
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2018

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	

**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**

Approximately 90% 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 not necessarily in a low/mod area.

**Geographic Distribution**

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
City Wide Paving Project	50
South Scranton	
Urban Renewal Area	
City of Scranton.Citywide	5
City of Scranton.West Scranton	
Scranton.North Scranton	
Scranton.East Scranton	
Scranton Local Business District	1
Citywide/Low Mod Area	43

Table 8 - 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 has a concentration of the Latino community has been revitalized. Area benefit projects in Action Plan Year 2017 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	50
Non-Homeless	5
Special-Needs	3
Total	58

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	2
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	2
Acquisition of Existing Units	3
Total	7

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

#### Discussion

## **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**

The comprehensive renovations for building 3 and 16 at Valley View Terrace will be complete in the Spring 2017. The architectural/engineering work for the renovation to the next two buildings at Valley View Terrace is underway with a summer 2017 startup expected. The completion of this phase will take approximately one year. The Scranton Housing Authority is in the early stages of implementing a Phase 2 of its Energy Performance Contract. The Investment Grade Audit, which will give the SHA a list of Energy Conservation Measures (ECM's), will be complete April, 2017. From this list, the SHA will determine the best ECM's to implement. The end result will be additional energy savings. The Scranton Housing Authority will continue to update its 5-year Capital Improvement Plan. We will continue to rely on resident input as we determine our priorities on where best to spend our allotted capital funds.

### **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.

### **Discussion**

## **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**

The CoC Outreach team identifies & engages households living in environments that are unfit for human habitation by scouting known locations where homeless converge & through word of mouth with the area's homeless as well as collaboration among housing, homeless and other providers, including local and state police so that resources are known throughout the county. Homeless information and services are also available through a local hotline and the internet. Communication is fluid within the CoC's subcommittees & the broader Housing Coalition. Once engaged, homeless persons are assessed using the area's coordinated entry (CE) process which entails the Vulnerability Index – Service Prioritization Decision Assessment Tool (VI-SPDAT). The VI-SPDAT assesses each person and/or family's level of need in order to prioritize those experiencing homelessness for programs and services. Using the Housing First Model homeless individuals and families, when willing, are connected with shelter or permanent housing using the no wrong door approach.

#### **Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons**

Lackawanna County is home to several homeless shelters for individuals: Catholic Social Services (CSS) St. Anthony's Haven, St. Joseph's Center's Walsh Manor and Bethel AME's seasonal shelter which is typically open 6 months of the year. In addition family emergency shelter options include Catherine McAuley Center's shelter and CSS's Nativity Shelter, while Women's Resource Center and the Office of Youth and Family Services provide voucher beds for families. Catherine McAuley Center has recently embarked on plans to increase the number of families they're able to serve in their shelter. Housing providers utilize ESG and CoC Rapid Rehousing programs to move individuals and families quickly out of homelessness and into permanent housing. This year, the one remaining CoC-funded TH program will transition to RRH for families. A few TH programs funded by other sources fill some need for TH among young adults, those with serious mental health conditions, mothers with infant children, and Veterans. In addition, while the CoC strives to utilize ES and TH wisely, as a part of the Coordinated Entry program, homeless or imminently homeless persons are assessed to identify any other resources available in hopes that a homeless episode may be averted or made shorter by utilizing other resources such as food or utility assistance or intervention with a landlord or family member.

**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**

Strategies implemented by the CoC to maximize current resources to meet the goal of ending chronic homelessness (CH) are adopting the HUD Order of Priority (leveraging the use of coordinated assessment & the VI-SPDAT to prioritize), dedicating all PSH beds to serve CH, focused ESG funding & efforts on preventing new entries into homelessness, partnering with healthcare providers to improve mental & physical health in order to obtain & maintain permanent housing, and increasing an individual's ability to be self-sufficient. CoC PSH programs are focusing efforts on "graduating" individuals & families who are able to live more independently, opening up beds for additional CH individuals and families in need of more intensive services. The CoC is increasing our dedicated CH beds for individuals with a bonus project for 12 people, including 3 youth.

CoC staff helps individuals and families navigate the system to obtain appropriate mainstream benefits such as general assistance, food stamps, and medical assistance as well as Social Security Disability Income, Supplemental Security Income and VA benefits. Along with this, CoC staff assists people in connecting with services such as job training, employment services, education services, behavioral health services, parenting classes and more, tailoring care plans to each individual and family.

An additional initiative in which the CoC is participating is working with local low-income housing providers and tax credit programs to opt for a homeless or formerly homeless preference, thus increasing housing options for those who have experienced homelessness.

Once in the community, CoC program participants are eligible for Case Management services for up to 6 months. This in addition to connection with community resources provides the supports to prevent re-entry into homelessness.

**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.**

Local housing providers assist individuals and families who are at risk for homelessness with Homeless Assistance Prevention (HAP) funding which includes both case management and rental assistance. Case management, again, serves to identify resources and assist in connection to available resources as outlined above as well as budget counseling, goal setting, home maintenance training, life skills and employment referrals in efforts to assist people with achieving self-sufficiency and maintaining housing stability. Low-income individuals and families are also assisted with local public housing applications if appropriate.

In addition, Continuum of Care members attend the local Re-entry Committee hosted by corrections programs, and the CoC hosts a discharge planning committee which is extended to those institutions as well as MH and healthcare facilities. Participation in these committees enables the various systems of care to keep an open dialogue with one another and to share information and resources. The committee works collaboratively to decrease the incidence of persons from these publicly funded institutions and systems of care being discharged to homelessness.

## **Discussion**



## **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.
- 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.

**Discussion:**

## **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 is 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(l)(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 2015, 2016 and 2017.

#### Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

##### Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(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	41,000
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
<b>Total Program Income:</b>	<b>41,000</b>

#### 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.	80.00%

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Reference 24 CFR 91.220(1)(2)**

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

1. 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, and Historic Tax Credits when applicable.
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:
3. 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.
4. The appropriate Resale or Recapture language will be included in the recorded documents. 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: 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
  - a. 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. 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.
  - c. All recaptured funds shall be returned to CITY for deposit in the local HOME account, for use in future HOME eligible activities



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.

- d. 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:

There are no plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt.

**Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)  
Reference 91.220(l)(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**

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

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, led by United Neighborhood Centers of Northeastern Pennsylvania (UNCNEPA). 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.

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.

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U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.239

CFDA Title:

HOME Investment Partnership Program

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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 Hombuyer Program, Rental Rehabilitation Program, Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation, Administration

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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17. Proposed Project:

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18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	398774.00
* b. Applicant	
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Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

**\* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

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Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

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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 91 and 576 ESG Street Outreach, Homeless Prevention, Reapid-Rehousing, Emergency Shelter, HMIS, Administration

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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16. Congressional Districts Of:

\* a. Applicant 11/17

\* b. Program/Project 11/17

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

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17. Proposed Project:

\* a. Start Date: 01/01/2017

\* b. End Date: 12/31/2017

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	222560.00
* b. Applicant	
* c. State	
* d. Local	
* e. Other	
* f. Program Income	
* g. TOTAL	

19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?

- a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on .
- b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)

Yes  No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. \*By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications\*\* and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances\*\* and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)

\*\* I AGREE

\*\* The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: Mr. \* First Name: William  
Middle Name: L  
\* Last Name: Courtright  
Suffix:

\* Title: Mayor

\* Telephone Number: 5703484101 Fax Number:

\* Email: kgarvey@scrantonpa.gov

\* Signature of Authorized Representative: 

\* Date Signed: 6/20/2017



## 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.

**Uniform Relocation Act and 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, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant 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 Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

**Section 3** -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.

  
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Signature of Authorized Official

6-20-2017  
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Date

Mayor  
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## Specific Community Development Block Grant 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 plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

**Following a Plan** -- It is following a current consolidated plan 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 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 CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having 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 (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2017 [a period specified by the grantee 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.

In addition, 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 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 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.

  
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Signature of Authorized Official

6-20-2017  
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**Specific HOME Certifications**

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

**Tenant Based Rental Assistance** -- If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plan.

**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.

**Subsidy layering** -- 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;

  
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Signature of Authorized Official

6-20-2017  
Date

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## **Emergency Solutions Grants Certifications**

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program recipient certifies that:

**Major rehabilitation/conversion/renovation** – If an emergency shelter’s rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the recipient 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 recipient 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 recipient 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 recipient 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 recipient 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 recipient 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 these individuals.

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

**Confidentiality** – The recipient 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 recipient 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 recipient undertakes with assistance under ESG are consistent with its consolidated plan.

**Discharge Policy** – The recipient 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.

  
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Signature of Authorized Official

6-20-2017  
Date

Mayor  
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**City of Scranton**  
**2017 Action Plan**

**Public Notices**  
**Public Hearings**

# Council of the City of Scranton

340 No. Washington Avenue • Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503 • Telephone (570) 348-4113 • Fax (570) 348-4207

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Wayne Evans  
Timothy Perry

November 4, 2016

Ms. Linda B. Aebli  
Executive Director, OECD  
340 North Washington Avenue  
Scranton, PA 18503

Dear Ms. Aebli:

At last night's Scranton City Council meeting, the following amendments were adopted to reflect changes in the 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects as found in File of the Council No. 50, 2016 (As Amended):

**Demolition of Hazardous Structures** was reduced by \$50,000.00 from \$200,000.00 to \$150,000.00.

**Weatherization Deferral Resolution Project** was reduced by \$10,000.00 from \$64,000.00 to \$54,000.00.

**McLain Park Improvement Project** was increased by \$60,000.00 from \$90,000.00 to \$150,000.00.

These amendments to the 2017 CDBG projects were passed unanimously by the Council and received final approval.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 570-348-4113.

Sincerely,

Lori Reed  
City Clerk

cc: Jason A. Shrive, Esquire, City Solicitor  
Scranton City Council

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FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 50

2016

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, 2017.

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 1 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 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, 2017 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 all necessary action in order to implement the consolidated submission for Community Planning and

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*Li. Reed* City Clerk

RECEIVED IN CANTON ON September 15, 2016  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

*Li. Reed*  
City Clerk

Chairman  
*Scott Per...*

SIXTH ORDER:  
September 22, 2016

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

November 3, 2016

Receiving the Affirmative votes of Council Persons

Perry, Rogan, Evans, Gaughan, Wechsler

Negative NONE

Joseph A. Walsh  
President

Approved 11-4-16  
Wesley J. [Signature] Mayor  
[Signature] City Clerk  
Certified Copy

City of Scranton  
Office of Economic and Community Development (OECD)

Action Plan 2017  
Community Development Block Grant Program  
HOME Program  
Emergency Solutions Grant Program

**Following review of all applications received by the Scranton's Office of Economic and Community Development (OECD), listed below is an explanation of decisions made regarding the attached proposed funding. If you do not understand or need additional information please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Economic and Community Development.**

Scranton's Office of Economic and Community Development (OECD) has estimated the City of Scranton will be receiving approximately **\$2,500,000.00** through the Community Development Block Grant Program, **\$400,000.00** for the HOME Program and **\$250,000.00** for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).

**Community Development Block Grant Program**

**Public Services – Neighborhood Police Patrol - \$261,845.00**

The Neighborhood Police Patrol is an eligible activity and will be classified as a "New Service" under Public Service. The base count for the regular police patrol has been established at **140**. If for any reason the regular police count drops under the 140 count the Neighborhood Police Patrol will be ineligible to fund in 2017. It should be noted that this number does not include the Neighborhood Police Patrol; NPP must be in addition to the regular police officers.

Currently there are four (4) Neighborhood Police Patrol officers. Please keep in mind the number of patrol officers depends on the amount of funding received.

The Neighborhood Police Patrol officers will continue to be on foot and/or bicycles. The Neighborhood Police Patrol will be assigned solely to neighborhoods that qualify for expenditures of federal monies under the new 2010 Census data that became effective July 1, 2014 and pursuant to the Neighborhood Police Patrol Program shall not be subject to assignment to normal patrol functions. All documentation from both the Neighborhood Police Patrol officers and City of Scranton must be properly submitted in order for the City of Scranton to receive reimbursement from the Community Development Block Grant Program.

**Reconstruction of Roads to Include Handicap Curb Cuts**

The Administration is requesting that \$400,000.00 be allocated for the reconstruction of roads to include handicap curb cuts. OECD will look at streets that were not previously eligible to include them on the potential paving list.



### **New Pumper/Engine for Station #7**

A new pumper/engine for Station #7 is being purchased through a lease. The \$100,000.00 from 2015 and the \$100,000.00 from the 2016 Action Plan and the \$100,000.00 from 2017 will be used on the lease of the truck. The City will pay for the rest of the fire truck over time.

### **North Scranton Neighborhood Association / McLain Park**

NSNA submitted an application for CDBG in the amount of \$276,643.00. This office is recommending \$90,000.00 to concentrate on a high priority item in McLain Park. If the full amount of funding is committed to this activity there will be a lot of activities that City Council will need to reduce or eliminate.

### **Scranton-Lackawanna Human Development Agency**

This year the City received a new application from SLHDA regarding the Weatherization Program. Their request was \$175,000.00. These funds would not be used for the Weatherization Program but to correct other housing deficiencies that do not allow the property owner to participate in the Weatherization Program. Administration is recommending \$64,000.00 for the first year.

### **PROJECTS NOT FUNDED**

The City of Scranton through the Office of Economic and Community Development received many well-composed applications that both the Administration and City Council would like to fund. Unfortunately, with the decrease in federal assistance every year, the Administration selected the high priority needs that will aid the vast majority of our Citizens.

### **ARC of NEPA**

The ARC of NEPA has applied for CDBG funding in the amount of \$100,000.00 this year for the first time as a Public Service. After reviewing their application it was determined that their request was not feasible under CDBG as it was written. Under CDBG regulations it is not as easy to pay utility bills on their building when many families living outside Scranton with many different incomes are using the facility. I personally contacted the ARC and explained the situation and indicated they should apply in 2018; however, think of other ways to utilize using CDBG funding possibly improving one of their public facilities in Scranton. However, keep in mind the clients must be from Scranton and be low income. Many of their clients are not from Scranton.

### **HOME PROGRAM**

The City of Scranton's Housing Rehabilitation Program is once again up and running in 2016. In 2016, OECD funded \$50,000 for the Rental Rehabilitation Program for single family units (up to 4 units). To date, OECD is finalizing the program. Until OECD begins their first Rental this office would prefer to delay investing any more funding into Rental Rehabilitation until we get it off the ground.

**Lackawanna Neighbors, Inc. - HOME PROGRAM**

Lackawanna Neighbors, Inc. requested \$250,000.00 HOME Program funding to purchase a home, rehabilitation, lead abatement and resale. To date LNI still has available the following:

2014 CDBG	- \$125,000.00
2014 HOME	- \$ 50,000.00
2014 HOME CHDO	- \$ 63,650.00
2015 HOME CHDO	- \$ 57,000.00

OECD is requesting until these funds are expended along with the Net Proceeds received from the sale of the homes, no additional funding is provided to LNI. Make no mistake OECD is working with LNI to move housing forward, however, this office wants to be certain HOME Program funds are being spent in a timely matter.

**EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM**

The Scranton-Lackawanna Continuum of Care meets as a whole and with the assistance of Scranton OECD determines where the greatest need is placed for this funding. There are five components: Street Outreach, Emergency Shelter, Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Re-Housing, Homeless Management Information system (HMIS), along with Administration

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that Scranton City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, September 22, 2016 at 5:30 P.M., in Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Municipal Building, 340 No. Washington Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

The purpose of said Public Hearing is to hear testimony and discuss the following:

FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 50, 2016 – 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, 2017.

All those interested in above may attend the Public Hearing and participate at the hearing and/or examine a copy of the proposed Ordinance in the Office of the City Clerk, 2nd Floor, Municipal Building, 340 North Washington Avenue, Scranton, PA, during any business day between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Interpreter service can be provided for hearing impaired individuals to participate in the proceedings. Anyone needing interpreter service at the meeting should notify the City Clerk at 570-348-4113 at least Forty-Eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting and arrangements will be made to accommodate them.

All citizens are urged to attend.

The City is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Lori Reed, CITY CLERK  
SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

PLEASE ADVERTISE: THURSDAY, September 8, 2016

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

**NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Scranton has introduced the following Resolutions:

**RESOLUTION NO. 63, 2016** - RATIFYING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT TO THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT(DCED) FOR A LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT (GAMING FUNDS) MONROE COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$97,000.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF EIGHTEEN (18) SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS TO BE INSTALLED IN FIVE (5) CITY PARKS AS PART OF THE SECURE OUR PARKS PROJECT AND BE MONITORED BY SCRANTON POLICE PERSONNEL TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS A DAY, SEVEN (7) DAYS A WEEK AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF SUCCESSFUL, AND DISBURSE THE GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF THE EIGHTEEN (18) SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS IN FIVE (5) CITY PARKS.

**RESOLUTION NO. 64, 2016** - ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD (HARB) AND APPROVING THE CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR WIDMER SIGN COMPANY, 2209 AMELIA AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR INSTALLATION OF A VINYL WALL SIGN ON THE NORTHWESTERN EXTERIOR WALL MEASURING 28' H X 15', AN LED LIGHT MOUNTED FROM ABOVE AND A SINGLE LED LIGHT MOUNTED BELOW AT 615 LACKAWANNA AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA.

**RESOLUTION NO. 65, 2016** - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO ENTER INTO A MUNICIPAL LEASE FINANCING AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON STREET LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, TO BE EXECUTED BETWEEN THE CITY OF SCRANTON, AS LESSEE, AND M&T BANK AND/OR ANY WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF M&T BANK, AS LESSOR.

**RESOLUTION NO. 66, 2016** - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN GRANICUS, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION AND THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO PROVIDE SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL'S OFFICE, GRANICUS SOFTWARE AND MANAGED SERVICES TO AUTOMATE AND STREAMLINE THE AGENDA PROCESS.

Said Resolutions were duly introduced at the meeting of Scranton City Council held on Thursday, September 15, 2016 and will be finally acted upon by Council at one of their future meetings. Said Resolutions may be inspected in the City Clerks Office, Municipal Building, 340 North Washington Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503, during any business day between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M.

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CITY CLERK  
SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

**NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Scranton has introduced the following Ordinances:

**FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 50, 2016** - AN ORDINANCE - 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, 2017.

**FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 51, 2016** - AN ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO ACCEPT AND DISBURSE GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,920.00 AWARDED THROUGH THE BJA FY 16 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT ("JAG") PROGRAM-LOCAL SOLICITATION FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF MOBILE VIDEO RECORDERS IN FOUR (4) PATROL CARS.

**FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 52, 2016** - AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 126, 2015, AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "GENERAL CITY OPERATING BUDGET 2016" BY TRANSFERRING \$10,600.00 FROM ACCOUNT NO. 01,380,38000 (MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE OTHER-NOT CLASSIFIED) TO ACCOUNT NO. 01,080,00083.4550 (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS-BUREAU OF HIGHWAYS CAPITAL EXPENDITURES) TO UTILIZE ADDITIONAL REVENUE RECEIVED FROM THE SCRAP VEHICLES BID PROJECT BY INCREASING THE REVENUE AVAILABLE IN THE DPW BUREAU OF HIGHWAYS CAPITAL EXPENDITURE LINE ITEM.

**FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 53, 2016** - AN ORDINANCE - APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE UPDATED CITY OF SCRANTON CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2017 WHICH IS THE FOURTH-YEAR AND FINAL REVISION AND EXTENSION OF THE 2013 FIVE-YEAR PLAN.

Said Ordinances were duly introduced at the meeting of Scranton City Council held on Thursday, September 15, 2016 and will be finally acted upon by Council at one of their future meetings. Said Ordinances may be inspected in the City Clerk's Office, Municipal Building, 340 N. Washington Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503, during any business day between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M.

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IN RE:  
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AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS  
OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS  
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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, 2017.

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1 MR. WECHSLER: Call this public  
2 hearing to order. Roll call, please.

3 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry. Mr. Rogan.

4 MR. ROGAN: Here.

5 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans. Mr.  
6 Gaughan.

7 MR. GAUGHAN: Here.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

9 MR. WECHSLER: Here.

10 MS. REED: The purpose of said  
11 public hearing is to hear testimony and  
12 discuss the following: AUTHORIZING THE  
13 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE  
14 CITY OF SCRANTON TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY  
15 ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE CONSOLIDATED  
16 SUBMISSION FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING AND  
17 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS TO BE FUNDED UNDER THE  
18 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)  
19 PROGRAM, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME)  
20 PROGRAM AND EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS (ESG)  
21 PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1,  
22 2017.

23 MR. WECHSLER: Joining us this  
24 evening are members of OECD to speak on the  
25 2017 Action Plan. I want to thank them all

1 for coming, especially thanking Ms. Aebli  
2 for attending.

3 Ms. Aebli, would you like to make  
4 any comments at this time?

5 (Mr. Perry joins the meeting.)

6 MS. AEBLI: Thank you. On September  
7 16, I put a public notice in the paper  
8 listing August of the activities and the  
9 applications. Under Community Development  
10 Block Grant we received over \$5.4 and we are  
11 estimating that we will probably get maybe  
12 \$2.5 million.

13 MR. HICKEY: 5.4 application.

14 MS. ABELI: 5.4 application, and we  
15 had probably get \$2.5 million in allocation.

16 Under the HOME program, we received  
17 \$810,000 worth of applications and we'll  
18 probably get around \$400,000 in allocation.

19 And the ESG is right on target  
20 around \$250,000. We.

21 We graded them on the need of the  
22 application. The applicant had to  
23 demonstrate the significance to help low to  
24 moderate income families, the feasibility  
25 and the readiness of the project, is it



1 shovel ready. The capacity of the  
2 applicant, what kind of experience the  
3 applicant organization has, and the  
4 financing. HUD is always looking for we  
5 encourage leveraging, are they putting any  
6 of their own money in so that's how we  
7 scored the applications. I believe you have  
8 all of the activities in front of you, if  
9 you have any question I'll be more than  
10 happy to answer them.

11 MR. WECHSLER: Does anyone have any  
12 questions from Ms. Aebli?

13 MR. GAUGHAN: Yeah, a few, thank  
14 you. Can you just take us through how the  
15 scoring system works? In other words, when  
16 you get application in your office can you  
17 take me through the process of how it gets  
18 scored?

19 MS. AEBLI: Yes. Like I just said,  
20 there is four things we look at. The need,  
21 everyone on the staff takes maybe two or  
22 three applications and two people on the  
23 staff look at each application and they  
24 score them together and, again, it's the  
25 need, the feasibility, the capacity, and the

1 financing and that's how we look at what we  
2 fund.

3 MR. HICKEY: Each one is weighted.

4 MS. AEBLI: Oh, yeah. The need is  
5 like is 30 points, feasibility is 25 points,  
6 capacity is 25 points and the financing is  
7 20 points.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. One of the  
9 things that stood out to me when I looked at  
10 all of these projects, and maybe you can  
11 explain this a little bit, one of the  
12 projects that was for the application that  
13 was submitted for the demolition of  
14 hazardous structures through the Licensing,  
15 Inspections and Permits Department, and I  
16 noticed that that particular allocation  
17 received a 51 percent score yet they were  
18 funded at \$200,000. Can you us explain how  
19 that project received such a low score when  
20 the department is located in city hall?

21 (Mr. Evans joins the meeting.)

22 MS. AEBLI: I'd have to look at the  
23 application. I can let you know.

24 MR. GAUGHAN: I think they were  
25 looking at the one point -- it was over a

1 million dollars, wasn't it?

2 MR. HICKEY: \$800,000.

3 MR. GAUGHAN: \$800,000.

4 MS. AEBLI: \$800,000? Yeah, so we  
5 gave them 200. I will get back to you on  
6 that.

7 MR. GAUGHAN: And the reason that I  
8 ask that is because when I look at the way  
9 these things are scored I'm just confused  
10 because that project is getting \$200,000 yet  
11 they only received a score of 51 percent and  
12 a project like the McLane Park renovation  
13 project received 100 percent score and they  
14 are only getting funded for 90,0000 so it  
15 doesn't seem like the scoring system matches  
16 the amount of funding.

17 MS. AEBLI: I can answer that about  
18 McLane Park. Their application had too  
19 many -- they are all over the place and we  
20 told them to concentrate on one area that  
21 you want to fixed, not five or six items.  
22 That's why they got 90,000. Let them  
23 concentrate on one item they want in the  
24 park done. And I believe, if I'm not  
25 mistaken, there were things that were

1 maintenance and we cannot fund maintenance.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: What specifically, do  
3 you remember?

4 MS. ABELI: No, I can look.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay, if you could get  
6 back to me with that. Can you explain what  
7 the priorities of your office are in order  
8 of importance and how you fund the various  
9 projects? In other words, I see that you  
10 are putting \$200,000 in economic development  
11 so what are the priorities as it relates to  
12 economic development?

13 MS. AEBLI: Well, lately we have  
14 been receiving a lot of applications for  
15 economic development and we felt like I  
16 believe -- what was it, 200 last year?

17 MR. PREAMBO: Correct.

18 MS. AEBLI: We thought we should  
19 fund at least another \$200,000 because we  
20 are receiving more economic development  
21 application that we have.

22 MR. GAUGHAN: And I don't know if  
23 you will have in information on you tonight,  
24 but if available can you provide me any  
25 unused remaining balance of HUD funds from

1                   2015 and '16 for the following projects as  
2                   of today's date: Demolition of hazardous  
3                   structures, paving and curb cuts in low mod  
4                   areas, economic development projects, and  
5                   housing rehabilitation program. I just  
6                   would like to know if there is any unused  
7                   remaining balance from those specific  
8                   projects.

9                   MR. HICKEY: Mr. Gaughan, could you  
10                  just follow up with something just to make  
11                  sure we've got everything?

12                 MS. GAUGHAN: Sure. I'll have  
13                 Mrs. Reed send a letter down to your office.

14                 MR. HICKEY: It doesn't have to be a  
15                 letter, just a list of the projects you are  
16                 looking for.

17                 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. And that's all  
18                 I have. Thank you.

19                 MR. WECHSLER: Anyone else?

20                 MR. PERRY: Yeah, I just have one  
21                 question, there is about 22 very worthy  
22                 causes here and, you know, much needed  
23                 funding, I'm sure, how many applications do  
24                 you have that you had to deny altogether  
25                 that didn't get any funding?

1 MS. AEBLI: They're all on the list.  
2 Every application we received they are all  
3 listed.

4 MR. PERRY: The total was about 22,  
5 25 total applicants for this year?

6 MS. AEBLI: Correct. Everyone on  
7 your list is an application we received.

8 MR. PERRY: Okay.

9 MR. GAUGHAN: I have one additional  
10 question, and maybe you already answered it  
11 but I'm still trying figure it out, how did  
12 you determine as the department director  
13 exactly how much amount of funding each  
14 specific projects gets? In other words, I  
15 see, for instance, the sidewalk and street  
16 scape improvements got 70,336. How do you  
17 come to that exact figure?

18 MS. AEBLI: Well, it takes a lot of  
19 wiggling the numbers and I take past -- what  
20 we have given some recipients in the past  
21 what -- if they have any funding left from  
22 the year before, if he are not using the  
23 funding fast enough they may not get that  
24 amount this year, so I take everything into  
25 consideration. You want to fund everybody,

1 but there was a couple of projects on here  
2 that were asking for large amounts, but they  
3 would not be able to complete the project if  
4 we just gave them say \$50,000.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay, and who is  
6 involved in this process, just you or your  
7 whole department?

8 MS. AEBLI: No, the whole staff.

9 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you.

10 MS. AEBLI: You're welcome.

11 MR. EVANS: A couple of questions,  
12 and you may have answered this already, but  
13 on the paving and the curb cuts in low mod  
14 areas was applied for and the applicant  
15 actually was the City of Scranton or OECD is  
16 the applicant for the curb cuts; right?

17 MS. AEBLI: Correct.

18 MR. EVANS: So \$400,000 is going to  
19 be allocated, how did that come about? Is  
20 there a problem with identifying enough  
21 streets or is just a budgetary thing where  
22 we just --

23 MS. AEBLI: Just a budgetary.  
24 Although we changed the census map two years  
25 ago, we eliminated -- some of the streets

1 were eliminated but we picked up a lot of  
2 new streets and we have been putting a lot  
3 of money in. In the spring we just did a  
4 substantial amendment for 400?

5 MR. PREAMBO: Yes.

6 MS. AEBLI: 400,000. So we figured  
7 400,000 is a safe --

8 MR. EVANS: It's not because we are  
9 running out of streets to pave, we certainly  
10 don't have that problem.

11 MS. AEBLI: No.

12 MR. EVANS: On the economic  
13 development question, you said last year it  
14 was a pretty successful year we had 400,000  
15 in the budget and have we spent that money  
16 or have we had a lot of applications, are we  
17 able to spend that money?

18 MS. AEBLI: I have three  
19 applications pending.

20 MR. EVANS: Okay. Good.

21 MS. AEBLI: That have not come  
22 before city council yet.

23 MR. EVANS: That would pretty much  
24 finish the \$200,000 --

25 MS. AEBLI: It will be over 200,000.



1 MR. EVANS: Okay, so that will roll  
2 over into this funding cycle then.

3 MS. AEBLI: Yes.

4 MR. EVANS: And the First Time  
5 Homebuyers Program, on the issue, I know we  
6 put the money back in the last year?

7 MS. AEBLI: We did probably six or  
8 seven this year.

9 MR. EVANS: That's an improvement.  
10 It looks like an uptick, right, from the  
11 previous year?

12 MS. AEBLI: Yeah.

13 MR. EVANS: Okay. All right, that's  
14 all I have.

15 MR. ROGAN: Just a couple of  
16 comments, I don't have any questions because  
17 over the last month or is so I have been in  
18 contact times about this proposal and also  
19 on the economic development front since it's  
20 been brought up a couple of times myself and  
21 Mr. Preambo have been in constant  
22 discussion, there are some very nice  
23 economic development projects that should be  
24 coming in front of council very shortly, a  
25 couple of them are coming sooner than others

1 and some others need HUD approvals, but  
2 there is a lot in the works on that front,  
3 and just in general regarding the entire  
4 block grant program we wish we were getting  
5 the \$5 million from the federal government  
6 to fund everyone in this projects, that  
7 would be the full amount. Obviously, we  
8 would love to get \$1.6 million in paving  
9 instead of \$400,000 in paving, and the same  
10 for everyone of these projects in all  
11 sections of the city, so I will make a plea  
12 to the residents of in Scranton to call  
13 their Congressmen and their Senators and  
14 urge them to support increased funding for  
15 the CDBG program.

16 Over the last 20 years, this program  
17 has been cut many, many times. I'm sure you  
18 can attest to the amount of money we were  
19 receiving maybe a decade ago to today but,  
20 unfortunately, Washington makes cuts and  
21 they are effecting us here in the City of  
22 Scranton. So that's -- the CDBG program is  
23 vital to the city and I hope our  
24 representatives will support it.

25 MS. AEBLI: One thing I'd like to

1 add was I was down HUD yesterday to a  
2 meeting and seven new entitlement  
3 communities came on board to get CDBG so  
4 when that happens everybody across the  
5 country may get cut.

6 MR. ROGAN: The pie will be split  
7 even smaller.

8 MS. ABELI: Yeah.

9 MR. WECHSLER: Just to follow up on  
10 what Mr. Rogan said, it's 2016 already and  
11 the next opportunity for us to gather the  
12 data for our census map will be coming up I  
13 guess in about four years, so is there any  
14 outreach or plans, and I know it's kind of  
15 -- in the future is there any outreach plans  
16 to try to develop an action plan to get  
17 better responses to the census and better  
18 information tracking to our eligible  
19 neighborhoods? Any type of plans or any  
20 type -- even on a national level, anything  
21 to encourage the development of the census  
22 for funding sources?

23 MS. AEBLI: I received something in  
24 the mail not too long ago that the US Census  
25 is beginning to look for office in the

1 United States to open up their offices to do  
2 the legwork, that's all I know right now.

3 MR. WECHSLER: Because I think we  
4 could miss out and a lot of funding because  
5 we don't have accurate data in our  
6 neighborhoods. Not, through any fault of  
7 anyone, it's just the population is changing  
8 and aren't really receptive to answering  
9 government surveys so as we move forward and  
10 closer I think we all need to plan to make  
11 the census more comprehensive and effective.

12 We do have a sign-in list here of  
13 people who wish to speak tonight. The first  
14 is Kathleen Quinn.

15 MR. QUINN: Hi. My name is Kathy  
16 Quinn, and I am copresident of the North  
17 Scranton Neighborhood Association Watch and  
18 the reason I'm here is because my  
19 organization submitted an application for a  
20 grant through OECD for renovations of McLane  
21 Park which is located on Rockwell Avenue in  
22 North Scranton.

23 I know it might seem like we are all  
24 over the place, but we did look at the  
25 playground as a whole and we actually have

1 not had any money in this playground since  
2 1992 so, of course, there are many things  
3 that need to be done and I'll just touch on  
4 them.

5 The first one was replacement of the  
6 equipment the climber. The climber is  
7 literally it's falling apart, the wood is  
8 decayed, some pieces are missing, some had  
9 to be taken off for safety purposes and  
10 others have just fallen off, so that is a  
11 big part of the project.

12 The other is the swing sets. The  
13 swing sets, the toddler swings are made of  
14 that plastic material and they are cracking,  
15 they are literally cracking, like, they can  
16 cut children's fingers.

17 And then we have the basketball  
18 Court which needs to be resurfaced. It is  
19 such a slant that the guys have to dribble  
20 up a hill and then when it rains they are  
21 playing in half of a court of water.

22 And, let's see, we have the softball  
23 field. Well, the fencing around the  
24 softball field is coming apart. The bars at  
25 the top of the mesh they are not connected

1 to each other, they are -- one is this way,  
2 one is that way. There is holes in the  
3 netting. It's literally falling apart and I  
4 don't feel that that is safe, and we have  
5 neighbors that live on Gilbert Street, when  
6 the softballs, when they hit a home run the  
7 softballs literally they hit their houses  
8 and their cars. Actually one of my  
9 neighbors had a softball his window on  
10 Sunday. I have complaints as to what  
11 happens when a child gets hit with softball  
12 and they are seriously injured, who takes  
13 liability? Who is responsible? So we need  
14 a netting. We have a proposal for a  
15 20-foot netting on that side to stop that.

16 And we also sidewalks. The  
17 sidewalks going through the park they are  
18 separating, they are uneven, they are not  
19 safe to walk on let alone if you had to  
20 maneuver a wheelchair through that park so,  
21 I mean, I feel like all of these factors are  
22 very important and I know it's one park, and  
23 keep in mind it's almost 25 years since any  
24 money has been put in this park and it's  
25 used by thousands of people. The families

1 at Bangor Heights use it, there are adults  
2 that use it, the kids play basketball there  
3 from morning until night, never any  
4 problems, and the softball field is used all  
5 of the time.

6 So it's -- I really feel that it's a  
7 worthy cause that is in need of a lot of  
8 TLC, which \$90,000, although it is a  
9 substantial amount, and we are very  
10 appreciative, I would ask respectfully to  
11 consider giving us a little more funding for  
12 that project. Thank you.

13 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you very much.  
14 Appreciate it.

15 MR. WECHSLER: John O'Hearn.

16 MR. O'HEARN: My name is John  
17 O'Hearn and I'm the other copresident of the  
18 North Scranton Neighborhood Association. I  
19 appreciate you guys coming here early  
20 tonight to listen to us.

21 Since I have been involved with our  
22 neighborhood association, one of the things  
23 that I have learned from Chief Graziano is  
24 he always stressed neighborhoods that are  
25 active is a big deterrent to crime, and we

1 really have been putting a lot of effort  
2 into that. Throughout the year we have  
3 parties for the kids at Easter, during the  
4 summer with North Scranton Rotary. We have  
5 a Halloween party in the fall and Christmas  
6 time we have a big party down on Providence  
7 square with the businesses down there, and  
8 being active like that what he stresses is,  
9 you know, it's a deterrent where criminals  
10 or drug dealers come in and they see things  
11 like this and they would rather go the other  
12 way.

13 And my own personal opinions like  
14 our parks, where Gerrity park is now is  
15 where I went to grammar school, and it just  
16 used to be an empty lot, it was all  
17 overgrown and now I don't know if you guys  
18 have all have seen it, I'm some of you, but  
19 it's really a cut little park and it's such  
20 a positive thing and that park has been  
21 getting most of the attention in North  
22 Scranton since I have been involved.

23 And Weston Park is also a beautiful  
24 park and that's gotten some money for the  
25 baseball field and we have been doing things



1 to fix up the building itself, and just  
2 seems like McLane park has gotten kind of on  
3 back burner, like Kathy said, you know, it's  
4 been a number of years and I'm not going to  
5 echo everything she said, you know, I think  
6 she made it clear, but I know not to be too  
7 dramatic the chain link fence we had a clean  
8 up over there earlier this summer, we had a  
9 couple of guys go around with weed whackers  
10 and at the time of the bar should be that  
11 chain link it's dangerous, and when I was a  
12 kid that Benjamin Rush from Gerrity park is  
13 now a friend of the mine, once went to climb  
14 over, it was a higher fence, to get a ball  
15 and he fell and it went right through his  
16 arm and, you know, it was really a nasty  
17 thing and if affected him for his whole life  
18 and he didn't have use of that. So, I mean,  
19 things could happen with kids, you know? So  
20 I just wanted to bring that up.

21 And anything you guys could do for  
22 us because I think, you know, talking about  
23 criminals nothing looks worse than a park  
24 that is run down with graffiti, I'm not  
25 saying that McLane is like that but, you

1 know, you are either going forward or  
2 backward and it does get a lot of use, it's  
3 not just sitting there, like Kathy said, a  
4 lot of ball, baseball, basketball so I  
5 really think it's a positive thing that  
6 would not only be great for North Scranton,  
7 but I think for the city overall.

8 And I have a letter here that a  
9 resident asked me to read who couldn't be  
10 here tonight. He lives up on Rockwell  
11 Avenue, so if you guys would permit me.  
12 This is from Eric Myers, he lives at 2145  
13 Rockwell Avenue and he says, "Good evening.  
14 I apologize for not attending and speaking  
15 on my own behalf. I am the scout master of  
16 Boy Scout Troop 57 a Mary Mother of God  
17 Parish. We meet on the same night and this  
18 particular meeting is it exceedingly  
19 important or I would have rescheduled.  
20 Please accept in letter in lieu of my  
21 presence.

22 This letter is intended to show my  
23 complete support for improvements to the  
24 park. The children's play area is over 25  
25 years old and is showing it's age. Termites

1           have taken their toll as have vandals. The  
2           mulch is long gone and the benches were  
3           destroyed. Sections of the structure have  
4           rotted away and had to be removed earlier  
5           this year.

6                       While I fear this last bit posts no  
7           immediate threat to the safety of the  
8           children, attention is definitely needed.  
9           The last improvements to this park were made  
10          in 2009 by my son JP Meyers. He did his  
11          Eagle Scout project making those  
12          improvements. He spread mulch, repaired  
13          things, removed graffiti, planted a tree,  
14          painted and repaired benches. During that  
15          project he was surprised to see how many  
16          neighbors came out to help him. He planned  
17          to his fellow scouts there but the neighbors  
18          didn't know of the plan. Once they saw the  
19          troops there they volunteered and were a  
20          great help. I tell you these story to show  
21          an example of how strong the neighborhood  
22          is, a neighborhood where people have lived  
23          long term. We have raised our children  
24          together, we talk to one another, this is a  
25          place where you hear laughing from adults

1 and joke with each other while walking by,  
2 an old neighborhood to be sure but as each  
3 house gets updated you can see a  
4 neighborhood that will last well into the  
5 future. You can feel it.

6 My wife Cindy and I have lived here  
7 22 years. We watched dozens of kids grow up  
8 playing at the park. The stories our kids  
9 told make us laugh, they make memories here.  
10 Are kids are now grown and have moved.  
11 There is a new generation of kids now.  
12 These kids should also benefit from having a  
13 safe playground to grow up with. Sincerely,  
14 Eric Meyers."

15 So thank you guys for hearing this  
16 and I really appreciate anything you can do  
17 to support us.

18 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you.

19 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you very much.  
20 John O'Keita.

21 MR. O'KEITA: John O'Keita, North  
22 Scranton resident. Rockwell Park has been  
23 in my front yard for 25 years, I seen the  
24 good and the bad. It started off s a mule  
25 farm for the mines and used to keep the

1 mules there. In the 70's and 80's it still  
2 looked like a mule farm and I'm told they  
3 did get a new park. It's a pleasant day,  
4 all of the structures are still there. They  
5 used pressure treated lumber, 25 years of  
6 wood and dirt never going to work. Today's  
7 parks are made of better material, I was the  
8 second one on the volunteer list at the Bill  
9 Gerrity Park, I helped with the park with a  
10 bunch of members from the community, we had  
11 a great time. The park is used every day,  
12 it's beautiful there. Maybe we can get some  
13 of the equipment over our place. Definitely  
14 needs to be resurfaced and, you know, you  
15 can't really walk around without tripping  
16 over roots and stuff.

17 Fencing for the ball players, I seen  
18 a couple of guys this year running to the  
19 fences and they were taken away in  
20 ambulances. I mean, it's that bad. You  
21 spear yourself. Neighbors get hit by balls.  
22 Wouldn't be so bad to have a little bit  
23 higher fence in a field. These people are  
24 in constant fear of the property damage. A  
25 friend of mine works at a body shop, he

1 knows what it costs to have a car fixed, a  
2 windshield. I work on houses, repairs are  
3 not cheap.

4 Fencing, the park, I mean, the kids  
5 use the park every day. There hasn't been  
6 any real vandals in there since I have been  
7 there. I really haven't seen nothing done  
8 there. There is nobody here anymore. There  
9 is some parents with their children, you  
10 don't see any kids plying there. It's  
11 always baseball guys, they are there  
12 constantly which is great, they keep the  
13 park alive. They are there every day, every  
14 night and there's a ball player here now, I  
15 see him down here every day, you know, and  
16 the park itself is in good shape we just  
17 need a little more attention, you know. I  
18 mean, it's community park, everybody is --  
19 there's a bunch of people here, I have known  
20 them since I was 12 and we just love the  
21 place and I'd like to see it done over and  
22 that's it. Thank you.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you very much.

24 MR. WECHSLER: Fran Watnoski.

25 MS. WATNOSKI: It's Watnoski.

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MR. WECHSLER: If you can get that out of this signature I'll agree with you.

MS. WATNOSKI: Frank Watnoski, resident of North Scranton. I'm the president and founder of a men's softball league that place at Rockwell field on Sundays and I was also a deputy commissioner with the ASA for 25 years. I have been involved in softball leagues, mostly men, for over 30 years and figuring it out I have probably brought in the City of Scranton at least maybe more \$90,000 on my own because I have used South Side, Weston field, and of course Rockwell.

Now, the only league I have right now is I'm using Rockwell field. I feel very badly because I have spoken to people who live across the street from Rockwell field. I have tried, I'm up there now 17 years running a softball league. I go to every single game. I'm there from morning, the first game is at 9:30, I'm there for the last game at 5 p.m. I don't have any games any later than that. I don't want to disturb the neighbors. I try to be good

1 with them.

2 I was explaining to one of the  
3 neighbors their home was hit on Sunday,  
4 which I didn't even realize this, I feel  
5 very body about it, but the thing is, like I  
6 said to them, it's not the ball it's the  
7 bats. You can't ask the ballplayers of  
8 today to use wooden bats. They use aluminum  
9 bats, which I'm saying aluminum, but they  
10 have got many types of alloys in them that  
11 makes the ball fly. Usually on a hot day  
12 the ball would die, it doesn't anymore. On  
13 a cold day it flies.

14 As far as people getting hurt up  
15 there, yes, there have been people hurt up  
16 there and it's not necessarily because of  
17 the fencing, but it's the field itself.  
18 There has been this year dirt put on the  
19 field but it wasn't graded, it just put on  
20 the first time in 17 years.

21 Also, the fencing is horrendous.  
22 Ballplayers do get hurt. The fences are  
23 very low all around, they are full of holes.  
24 There is wires that stick up just like this.  
25 The pipes aren't hooked together. When a



1 ballplayer reaches over the fence to get a  
2 ball he will rip his own arm open. I have  
3 seen Wayne Beck, who is the treasurer for  
4 the city, who used to play in my softball  
5 league go over a fence at South Side  
6 complex, get caught by the seat of his  
7 pants. You know, I can laugh about it today  
8 and Wayne probably would laugh, too, you  
9 know, but now it's dangerous. It's so  
10 dangerous up there.

11 For eight years I was up there we  
12 didn't even have a job johnny. We had no  
13 where -- no facilities whatsoever. I used  
14 to go to Robert Scopoletin's office, he  
15 hated to see me coming because I would be  
16 there, "Bob, we need a job johnny."

17 Well, we fought so often that I  
18 finally threatened to bring a recycling can  
19 full of urine to his office on Monday and I  
20 finally got the job johnny, but I did -- he  
21 never told me that it wasn't going to be  
22 cleaned either, so most of the children in  
23 the neighborhood would tip it over and  
24 that's how it got cleaned. Now, the last  
25 four or five years I will say we do have a

1 job johnny, it is cleaned.

2 Many, many people use the park.

3 There would be a lot more softball leagues

4 there, too, but it's a terrible place.

5 First base I had a ballplayer put up what I

6 call a chicken fence, it cost him \$40.

7 There was no -- there is no, like, a very

8 low fence there and there is no gate. A

9 woman was sitting there, she got hit in the

10 side of the face she broke her teeth and

11 part of her face. This is going back a

12 couple of years. You know, she could have

13 sued the city, she didn't. And umpire was

14 hurt this year. A ball took a bad bounce on

15 the lip that's on the field itself and hit

16 him in the face. I sent him to the

17 hospital. I said, "Please check and see,"

18 because he was bleeding from the nose,

19 luckily his nose wasn't broken. There was a

20 ballplayer taken away in an ambulance. The

21 ball hit and bounced and went up at the

22 third base, hit him in the eye. I mean,

23 this is a constant thing, so that's just

24 part of the ball field that needs to be

25 fixed.

1                   There is, not recently but there was  
2                   a lot of the vandalism at the ball field at  
3                   one time and I had to bribe the children  
4                   that would come there and I'd go to the  
5                   store and buy them chips and that at the  
6                   Dollar Store and said to them kind of,  
7                   "Watch the field and I'll give you chips  
8                   every week."

9                   You know, so the vandalism kind of  
10                  stopped in that way. As far as the  
11                  playground, it's in desperate need up there.  
12                  A little girl brought me a syringe one day.  
13                  A syringe. She was only about five years  
14                  old, she found it at the playground. The  
15                  bolts stick out, I mean, it's really, really  
16                  bad. When you said that they went here and  
17                  there and here and there asking for this and  
18                  that and the grants they need everything up  
19                  there. That field is over 85 years old I  
20                  believe nothing has been done in 85 years.  
21                  Thank you for your time.

22                  MR. WECHSLER: Just a question about  
23                  I was up there the other day, the left field  
24                  fence how big do you think it would have to  
25                  be?

1 MS. WATNOSKI: Well, let me just --  
2 if you don't mind me speaking another  
3 minute, approximately two years ago there  
4 was a ballplayer that worked for, I won't  
5 mention the company, it was on Keyser  
6 Avenue, it's a fencing company. I asked him  
7 to get his supervisor hooked up with a  
8 Recreation Department because they said they  
9 could probably donate or at least give us a  
10 cheaper price for fencing and maybe put up a  
11 netting. Well, I don't know what  
12 transpired, I was just the middleman, I  
13 don't know what transpired between the two  
14 of them but it never occurred. Then I went  
15 to Coal Street in Wilkes-Barre, which is  
16 near Sherman Hills project, it was an awful  
17 looking field. Well, you should see it now,  
18 it's beautiful. It's almost like our ball  
19 field the way street is there, except there  
20 is no homes. The project goes up the hill.  
21 They have all high netting, and what you  
22 need to do is you need to put polls up and  
23 then put the netting, and it's mostly to the  
24 left center and left side, that's where  
25 their homes are.

1                   And, like I said, I feel really bad  
2                   and I wish that we could do something. I  
3                   hate to see us have to leave the area, you  
4                   know, and I don't know what else we could  
5                   do, but whatever you could do for us,  
6                   whatever money you could give us for that  
7                   place really nothing has been done up there  
8                   at least in the time that I have been up  
9                   there. Thank you.

10                  MR. WECHSLER: Thank you for all  
11                  your work with the softball league. I was  
12                  privileged to play for 20 years in the  
13                  Friday night league and then I got too old,  
14                  but I never saw the outfield fence.

15                  MS. WATNOSKI: Before the South Side  
16                  Complex closed I was the last one to run the  
17                  Friday night softball league there and it  
18                  was a lot of fun. Thank you.

19                  MR. ROGAN: I will say I have only  
20                  played at that field a few times and,  
21                  unfortunately, I'm not good enough to hit a  
22                  home run so I didn't hit any of he houses,  
23                  but I will say there needs to be a larger  
24                  fence because some of the guys that are  
25                  better could hit home runs to your houses

1            basically at will. If they want to hit  
2            there they could hit it there. Another  
3            field in Taylor that I have played at has  
4            the higher fence and there is not even  
5            houses back there, it's just woods and they  
6            do have the higher fence, so something  
7            definitely needs to be done to protect the  
8            houses and players, too. I have seen it  
9            firsthand. I haven't played in a few years,  
10           this is a few years just playing pick up  
11           games, you know, it's in bad shape the  
12           fencing.

13                            MR. WECHSLER: Peg Ruddy.

14                            MS. RUDDY: Good evening. Thank you  
15            for your time. I'm Peg Ruddy, I'm the  
16            executive director of Women's Resource  
17            Center. The center next year is going to  
18            celebrate it's 40 anniversary of service to  
19            our community. Ms. Aebli spoke about the  
20            scoring process and so I'd like to tie my  
21            advocacy efforts into those standards.

22                            Need. We last year served over 700  
23            woman and children from Scranton and alone.  
24            Woman who were battered, who were not safe  
25            in their own homes. Woman who were sexually

1           abused or the children and that represents  
2           the majority of our program participants.  
3           We are the only game in town, the only place  
4           for victims of domestic violence and sexual  
5           assault, teen dating violence and stalking  
6           to turn to and we have been great stewards  
7           of federal dollars.

8                        I have been with the agency for 32  
9           years, the request that we have into CDBG  
10          tonight is for \$42,000. We want to do some  
11          security upgrades in our building which are  
12          essential to keeping our clients safe. If  
13          you drive by our building in a lower Hill  
14          section, you can see that our parking lot is  
15          in terrible shape but we don't anybody to  
16          fall and we would like to get that done. We  
17          had it done five years ago and,  
18          unfortunately, the quality of the work of  
19          the person that -- you know, some of us get  
20          poor quality work so we really just want to  
21          get that replaced.

22                       We need a lot of lighting so that as  
23          clients are coming in and out of support  
24          group in the evening, especially during the  
25          winter months we want them and their

1 children to feel safe, and we also want to  
2 do some renovations inside of the house.

3 Capacity, we have had that building  
4 since 1986 and it's actually over 125 years  
5 old and it used to be Governor Scranton's  
6 maternal grandmother's home. We have kept  
7 the house in fine shape and we want to offer  
8 a really nice place. You know, picking up  
9 the paper any day I'm sure you do there is  
10 not one day and a week that goes by that  
11 there is not an article in the Scranton  
12 Times about one of our fellow residents  
13 being beat up or sexually abused and we are  
14 the go-to team and we really rely on CDBG  
15 and Linda's team to help us keep the  
16 building nice and to keep our services  
17 relevant.

18 And financial, I have got a fiscal  
19 director that's been in the agency 33 years  
20 and continually looks to upgrade our  
21 financial records. We always have a clean  
22 audit. And again, I total budget is \$2  
23 million and we are very good stewards of the  
24 federal, state and local dollars.

25 The other thing I want to talk about



1 is about leverage that we are using. We are  
2 in process of actually when it's done I'd  
3 love to show you around, we have a carriage  
4 house on our campus in the Hill section and  
5 we are in the process of remodeling the  
6 carriage house and so to date I have  
7 \$100,000 of this local share money, I have  
8 \$75,000 from the Moffat Foundation, we have  
9 \$25,000 through Kathleen's Crusade and we  
10 are going to add this \$42,000 so it will be  
11 one big package, so we are able to, you  
12 know, leverage additional dollars so I hope  
13 that you see our project as being worthy of  
14 your support and I thank you for your time.

15 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you.

16 MR. GAUGHAN: Just relating to that  
17 project if I could jump in for a second, and  
18 this goes back to the scoring, and maybe I'm  
19 missing something, but that specific project  
20 received a score of 100 percent so that  
21 doesn't that have any bearing on what  
22 project gets funded? In other words, like  
23 what I said before for the demolition of  
24 hazardous structures only got at 51 percent  
25 and they got 200,000 so how does the scoring

1 fit in there? I mean, if you just threw  
2 that out the window would it just be a  
3 discretionary figure?

4 MS. AEBLI: No, we looked at the  
5 funding that they received in the past for  
6 renovations, you know, it was just who gets  
7 what.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: So it's not based on  
9 the score then?

10 MS. AEBLI: It is. There is lot of  
11 100's here, but we are received -- they have  
12 received rehab in the past.

13 MS. GAUGHAN: Okay. Thank you.

14 MR. WECHSLER: That completes the --

15 MR. ROGAN: I have one more  
16 follow-up and, Mr. Hickey, forgive me I did  
17 say that I would not bring up the Boscov's  
18 issue, but in light of some of the  
19 discussion --

20 MR. HICKEY: We actually just spoke  
21 of that.

22 MR. ROGAN: Just one question  
23 regarding that, I do see there is \$201,000  
24 in here for payment of the Section 108 loan.  
25 If that had not been in default by the Mall

1 Partners would that funding be available for  
2 North Scranton group and all of these --

3 MR. HICKEY: The answer is yes.  
4 What I just spoke to Ms. Aebli about is I  
5 think that should be the outcry from the  
6 City to Mr. Boscov to make good on that  
7 promise that if it's a 108 guarantee,  
8 forgetting the rest of the funding for a  
9 second, but I believe the promise was made  
10 in the past that if they were 108 funds  
11 those funds would be returned and paid back  
12 to the city.

13 This is an ongoing issue. This is  
14 it not the first year that that payment is  
15 included in there. There have been payments  
16 for several years now on that particular  
17 default so that money would be available.

18 MR. ROGAN: And on that issue, city  
19 council did send a letter, and I have a  
20 large stack of other letters here requesting  
21 that Mr. Boscov make good on his obligations  
22 to the city and in terms of the donation  
23 that he claimed -- he promised that he would  
24 make when council had a caucus. If that  
25 money does come in, I would hope that we

1 would allocate it to some of the groups that  
2 weren't funded fully through the proposal  
3 and weren't funded at all.

4 MR. HICKEY: And we are going to  
5 follow up on that as well.

6 MR. ROGAN: Great.

7 MR. WECHSLER: We have completed the  
8 sign-in sheet, is there anyone else who  
9 would like to address us at the meeting?

10 MR. SQUITZ: Good evening. I wasn't  
11 prepared to speak tonight but my name is Ken  
12 Squitz and I live on Gilman Street. I'm the  
13 one who had the house hit by the ball. This  
14 isn't the first time our siding has been  
15 hit. There has been dents in the siding.  
16 The window was hit with a ball, thank God it  
17 didn't break. Right now I'm driving a  
18 Toyota Rave 4 but my car before that was a  
19 Toyota Camry. My Camry was hit and I had  
20 the perfect outline of a baseball and it  
21 happened on a Sunday morning and,  
22 unfortunately, whoever did it was pretty  
23 strong.

24 We need to have a fence. We avoided  
25 a very, very serious problem about maybe

1 two, three years ago during the summer. A  
2 ball was hit, a gentleman who lives on the  
3 other side of me was standing with his  
4 daughter, who was a child. She had her back  
5 to the ball field, the ball was coming, he  
6 happened to see it, he shoved her out of the  
7 way and where the ball hit it would have  
8 probably struck her directly in the back of  
9 the head. That could been a catastrophe.

10 We need to have a netting to protect  
11 our property, protect other kids, our  
12 grandchildren. I have an eight-year-old  
13 granddaughter, I don't like her out in the  
14 front yard when they are playing ball. I  
15 don't like it. It's dangerous. I'm not  
16 trying to sound like a doomsday, but God  
17 forbid one of our kids, even a child going  
18 on their bicycle down the street and every  
19 day, every day in the summer there is  
20 bicycles, there is children and those balls  
21 come flying out of there, God help us if one  
22 of those kids ever get killed. I  
23 couldn't live with myself without coming up  
24 here and saying anything. I wasn't going to  
25 speak tonight, but I just had to for our

1 kids. Thank you.

2 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you. Anyone  
3 else?

4 MS. SCHUMACHER: Marie Schumacher.  
5 I just want to thank Linda and her staff,  
6 they are always responsive, they take their  
7 jobs very seriously and to paraphrase the  
8 good Lord the needy will always be with us,  
9 so there is always going to be more needs  
10 than money and they're tough decisions that  
11 they have to recommend and that you guys  
12 have to do and I hope Mr. Hickey is going to  
13 continue with his pursuit of nonpayers and  
14 maybe get some more back in the coffers that  
15 way and maybe we could do more things, but I  
16 would like to thank both their  
17 responsiveness and the dedication that they  
18 have to their jobs --

19 MS. AEBLI: Thank you.

20 MS. SCHUMACHER: -- and the citizens.  
21 Thank you.

22 MR. WECHSLER: Anyone else?  
23 Anything from council?

24 MR. PERRY: Yeah, before we wrap up  
25 it's, you know, it's such a great thing

1           having these funds. Obviously, it would be  
2           better if we had more. As Ms. Schumacher  
3           said, the need definitely outweighs the  
4           money that we have and, I mean, no one has  
5           played more softball than me except for that  
6           guy, he probably beat me 100 time in my  
7           career and I have played softball over and,  
8           you know, there is nothing more prideful  
9           than, you know, a team on a really, really  
10          good field and that's not even counting the  
11          safety factor of it and the surrounding  
12          neighbors whether it's property damage or,  
13          you know, children obviously.

14                    You know, but unfortunately the  
15          money that we have is the money that we have  
16          and us as a community are going to have to  
17          use that as wisely as possible. No one is  
18          going to be thrilled with the overall  
19          outcome. Some people are going to get less  
20          than they wanted, some people might not get  
21          any, it's a very tough job. I don't envy  
22          you guys for what dividing up that pie, but,  
23          you know, we are going to do the best we  
24          could and we are at the point now it's time  
25          to prioritize jobs within our scope, our

1 community, what do we want to accomplish  
2 first and sometimes we have to prioritize  
3 what actually we are willing to do this year  
4 because there is always next year that we  
5 can reapply for esthetic things, but the  
6 safety is first, whether it's ballplayers or  
7 the children on the playground or the  
8 children on their bikes on the sidewalk and  
9 the streets, and once this comes out and is  
10 made official, you know, I don't want you  
11 guys to think that that's where council's  
12 jobs end. I'd be happy personally, I'm not  
13 going to speak for my councilmen, they can  
14 do as they want to, but my door is always  
15 open, my phone is always on, you know, for  
16 whether we need to get netting there and  
17 then let's make it happen, make a  
18 collaborative effort, can we find someone  
19 willing to donate, can we find somebody to  
20 give it cheap? I saw a flagpole that you  
21 want, maybe we can do something with the  
22 Veteran's Committee and do something to help  
23 raise that flagpole and have a ceremony thee  
24 with the and defray the costs. You know,  
25 I'm a firm believer if there is a will there



1 is a way so, you know, this isn't the end,  
2 it's the beginning of our project, so let's  
3 not lose sight of that even though we might  
4 have to reshuffle or reprioritize, and  
5 that's what we do we reprioritize and move  
6 forward and we keep the fight going for our  
7 communities, which all you guys do an  
8 absolutely fantastic job.

9 MR. GAUGHAN: And I'd like to add to  
10 that, a lot of these people in the audience  
11 tonight are my neighbors so it's great to  
12 see them come out tonight, and they spoke to  
13 this park and this park is important to me  
14 and all of these people because if you live  
15 up in this neighborhood you know that this  
16 is the literally the heart -- it's the  
17 heartbeat of North Scranton.

18 Now, keep in mind what these people  
19 have had to deal with the last few years  
20 with the bridge that has been out, they've  
21 had to deal with that whole issue, and they  
22 have had to deal with a park that is not up  
23 to standards. It's not up to ADA standards,  
24 it's not up to any kind of safety standards  
25 if you walk through that place, and on top

1 of that you have a major housing development  
2 Bangor Heights with hundreds of children  
3 that play there each and every day, and I  
4 see it. My own child plays there, take him  
5 over there almost every day so I think when  
6 we talk about priorities we need to find a  
7 way to possibly fund this a little bit more  
8 so that this project can see the light and  
9 we can see some of the things that were in  
10 that proposal come to light and help these  
11 neighbors out, because like I said and as  
12 Mr. O'Hearn said neighborhood parks are the  
13 life of the neighborhood and when you have a  
14 park that is well kept and the neighbors  
15 obviously take pride in it you don't see as  
16 much crime, so I think that we need to shift  
17 some of our priorities here and find more  
18 funding for that. Thank you.

19 MR. EVANS: If I could make a brief  
20 comment, it's sort of ashamed that we have to  
21 fund parks this way. You know, at some  
22 point in the future I hope we get to the  
23 point where we actually have a capital  
24 budget and Parks and Rec would actually have  
25 a budget that we'd have an ongoing

1 maintenance program, ongoing improvement  
2 program so that the parks are taken care of  
3 the way they should be taken care of and not  
4 waiting 25 years for you guys to come to us  
5 and say, "We need everything again because  
6 nothing was done in the last 25 years."

7 We are buying fire trucks though  
8 OECD and taking care of parks, I'm not sure  
9 that's how we are supposed to do things  
10 around here, but hopefully sometime in the  
11 future we will get our financial act in  
12 order and start planning things that we are  
13 supposed to plan things and we won't have to  
14 have this discussion, but in the meantime  
15 you are doing the right thing so we are  
16 going to try to do the best we can. Thank  
17 you.

18 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you. If no one  
19 has anything else, this hearing is  
20 adjourned.

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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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1 that Mr. Boscov was looking for for future  
2 loans.

3 MR. PERRY: The only item that I  
4 would just like to add is if we would could  
5 see what time frame when the next donations  
6 would be made.

7 MR. ROGAN: Absolutely, and I always  
8 say this and sometimes people will stop me  
9 on the streets and say I'm being too hard on  
10 Mr. Boscov, and I always preface my  
11 statements with I say he has a great store.  
12 I don't think there is anyone that could say  
13 that Boscov's isn't one of the best stores  
14 in the area, but the stores and his  
15 financial dealings with the City of Scranton  
16 are two completely different things. I have  
17 long been a Boscov shopper, if these loans  
18 continue to go unpaid and the taxpayers are  
19 out millions of dollars I think it will be  
20 hard for myself and many people in the City  
21 of Scranton to continue shopping at  
22 Boscov's.

23 \* Moving on and still OECD issues, we  
24 are introducing the 2017 Community  
25 Development Block Grant funding for this

2017  
ACTION  
PLAN.

1 year, so I'm go to go through all the items  
2 that are proposed to be funded. There will  
3 be a public hearing on this if anyone wishes  
4 to comment. I'll first start off with the  
5 four biggest funding sessions within these  
6 programs. The largest is paving. The city  
7 has one, it's no secret that the city  
8 streets are -- many of them are in disrepair  
9 and this year \$400,000 is allocated for  
10 paving.

11 Neighborhood police patrols \$261,000  
12 is allocated. That will pay for four  
13 full-time police officers to patrol the  
14 beats in other neighborhoods. That's a  
15 great program, I think everybody is very  
16 happy to see that funded.

17 This next one bothers me quite a  
18 bit. The third largest funding source out  
19 of our block grant allocations is one of the  
20 Section 108 loans from the Steamtown Mall  
21 Partners and that's in the amount of  
22 \$201,000. If that loan had been current and  
23 paid by the partners headed by Mr. Boscov  
24 that would be \$201,000 additional dollars  
25 could be used for any of these programs that

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I have been mentioned while I go through the rest of these allocations.

The fourth largest item is demolition of hazardous structures within the City of Scranton, which there are far too many and the \$200,000, unfortunately, only was a small debt to that but it is a start.

Some of the other items that are being funded through the city are public sidewalks with ADA ramps and increased lighting to serve economic development zones.

This one is very important, a balance of the engine purchase price for Scranton Engine 7. As you know, our fire department has gone many, many years without upgrades. I talked to one firemen who is about to retire and he told me he is using the same piece of apparatus today as he was hired over 20 years ago because of all of the breakdowns throughout the city, so that's a very important piece of funding there.

St. Joseph's Center, the



1 mother-infant program will be funded for  
2 \$10,000.

3 United Neighborhood Center, the  
4 Bellevue Youth Program will be funded for  
5 \$10,000.

6 United Neighborhood Center, the  
7 Project Hope summer camp, which is one I  
8 know we are all happy to see that that's  
9 still going on, it's proposed for \$40,000.

10 Administration for the Office of  
11 Economic and Community Development will be  
12 funded for \$500,000.

13 CDBG funding for the HOME Program  
14 will be \$28,000.

15 The North Scranton Neighborhood  
16 Association, this is the McLane Park  
17 improvement project, and I did speak to the  
18 mayor at length about this project and I  
19 believe we received a petition just this  
20 week in our mailbox, that's going to be  
21 funded for \$90,000 and that sounds like it's  
22 going to be a great, great improvement for  
23 the North Scranton neighborhoods.

24 The Connell Park little league will  
25 be funded \$29,000 for various projects at

1 that little league.

2 Boys and Girls Club of NEPA \$15,000  
3 for the Park-It program, which is one the  
4 Scranton school district and the city  
5 partners up to help low to moderate income  
6 children enjoy the parks in the summer.

7 The Scranton/Lackawanna Human  
8 Development Agency, that's for the  
9 weatherization program to help individuals  
10 who get their house up to code as  
11 weatherization goes to save them some money.

12 The Catherine McCullough Center,  
13 \$5,000 for rental assistance.

14 And I believe that is it. There are  
15 a number of other funding though the HOME  
16 Program that I won't get into, many of those  
17 are housing rehabilitation. Our first time  
18 homebuyers program, which I know myself and  
19 Councilman Evans have always fought for  
20 increased funding on, but that is in a  
21 nutshell the current proposal for 2017, and  
22 unfortunately, a very long and sad trip down  
23 memory lane regarding Mr. Boscov's loans for  
24 the City of Scranton. That's all.

25 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you, Mr. Rogan.

1 Mr. Evans?

2 MR. EVANS: Thank you. I would like  
3 to ask for mayor and his administration  
4 officially and on the record again why don't  
5 you create a defined contribution pension  
6 plan, a 401-K-type plan for you and your  
7 cabinet and the non-union personnel that are  
8 employed by the city? In fact, I would not  
9 be surprised if you polled cabinet members  
10 and non-union employees with city government  
11 I'm sure you would find a large majority  
12 would be in favor of such a change.

13 Besides the obvious benefits of  
14 making the change, there are other reasons  
15 for the city to do this. Number one, we  
16 need to find ways to eliminate legacy costs  
17 at every opportunity. Number two, there  
18 will be will some long-term savings,  
19 something we don't look at nearly enough.  
20 And three, it is a benefit that would help  
21 attract qualified and professional staff for  
22 cabinet and non-union positions on a going  
23 forward basis.

24 For the enrollee, this type of plan  
25 there are many benefits as well. Number

1 any major property damage and no loss of  
2 life, so I always have to give a shout out  
3 to East Mountain finest Engine 10, and it is  
4 one of the things that myself as a  
5 councilman would never allow that station to  
6 be closed. That's all I have at this time.

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7 \* MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
8 AN ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND  
9 OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF  
10 SCRANTON TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO  
11 IMPLEMENT THE CONSOLIDATED SUBMISSION FOR  
12 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS  
13 TO BE FUNDED UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
14 BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM, HOME INVESTMENT  
15 PARTNERSHIP (HOME) PROGRAM AND EMERGENCY  
16 SOLUTIONS GRANTS (ESG) PROGRAM FOR THE  
17 PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2017.

18 MR. WECHSLER: At this time, I'll  
19 entertain a motion that Item 5-B be  
20 introduced into its proper committee.

21 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

22 MR. EVANS: Second.

23 MR. WECHSLER: On the question? All  
24 those in favor of introduction signify by  
25 saying aye.

1 MR. PERRY: Aye.

2 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

3 MR. EVANS: Aye.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

7 MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
8 AN ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND  
9 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO ACCEPT  
10 AND DISBURSE GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF  
11 \$20,920.00 AWARDED THROUGH THE BJA FY 16  
12 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE  
13 GRANT ("JAG") PROGRAM-LOCAL SOLICITATION FOR  
14 THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF MOBILE  
15 VIDEO RECORDERS IN FOUR (4) PATROL CARS.

16 MR. WECHSLER: At this time, I'll  
17 entertain a motion that Item 5-C be  
18 introduced into its proper committee.

19 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

20 MR. EVANS: Second.

21 MR. WECHSLER: On the question? All  
22 those in favor of introduction signify by  
23 saying aye.

24 MR. PERRY: Aye.

25 MR. ROGAN: Aye.



August 28, 2017

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

**Re: Public Notice  
City of Scranton  
Office of Economic and Community Development  
Action Plan 2018**

Attention: Sharon  
legals.timeshamrock.com

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

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

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

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

Sincerely,

Linda B. Aebli  
Executive Director

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Enclosure

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
CITY OF SCRANTON  
PROPOSED THIRD YEAR ACTION PLAN  
JANUARY 1, 2017 – DECEMBER 31, 2017**

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Office of City Controller, Municipal Building

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**STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES**

- Elimination of slums and blight
- Elimination of conditions that is detrimental to health, safety and public welfare
- Conservation and expansion of the nation's housing stock
- Better utilization of land and other natural resources
- Reduction of the isolation of income groups within communities and geographical areas
- Preservation of properties of special value
- Alleviation of physical and economic distress
- Conservation of the nation's scarce energy resources

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By this Notice, the City of Scranton invited parties who may have an interest in activities which may impact historic resources to make themselves known so that we can involve them in notification and review process of the National Advisory Council on Historic Preservation as set forth in the 36 CFR Part 800. We request that all interested parties identify themselves no later than Thursday, October 21, 2016 in order to be included in such notification.

**ENVIRONMENTAL NOTIFICATION**

By this Notice the City of Scranton invites parties who may have an interest in receiving notification regarding the environmental finding and/or request to release of funds regarding any or all of the activities listed in Part IV of the Consolidated Plan. To be included in the notification process we request interested parties identify themselves and the activities in which they are interested no later than Thursday, October 21, 2016.

**LIST OF PROJECTS IS ATTACHED**

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

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UNC of NEPA	Public Service - Bellevue Youth Program	\$ 15,000.00
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	TOTAL	\$ 5,460,317.00

**HOME Investment Partnership Program  
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City of Scranton/OECD	Administration / HOME Program	\$ 50,000.00
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City of Scranton/OECD	Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program	\$300,000.00
City of Scranton/OECD	Homebuyer Assistance Program	\$ 50,000.00
City of Scranton/OECD	2016 CHDO	\$ 60,000.00
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	TOTAL	\$810,000.00

**Emergency Solutions Grant Program  
Estimated Amount – 250,000.00**

City of Scranton/OECD	Administration / ESG Program	\$ 18,750.00
UNC of NEPA	Homeless Prevention	\$ 31,000.00
Catholic Social Services/St. Anthony's	Emergency Shelter	\$ 40,000.00
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Catherine McAuley Center	Emergency Shelter	\$ 30,904.00
Community Intervention Center	Rapid Re-Housing	\$ 10,000.00
Community Intervention Center	Emergency Day Shelter	\$ 20,000.00
St. Joseph's/Walsh Manor	Emergency Shelter	\$ 20,000.00
Women's Resource Center	Rapid Re-Housing	\$ 17,755.00
Women's Resource Center	Emergency Shelter Services	\$ 27,763.00
Women's Resource Center	Homeless Prevention	\$ 500.00
Catholic Social Services	Emergency Shelter (St. Francis Commons)	\$ 10,000.00
City of Scranton/OECD	Contingency (These funds will be divided with Sub-Recipients after receiving final allocation of 2017 ESG)	\$ 328.00
	TOTAL	\$250,000.00



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Rachel Starr, New Milford, Associate of Science, nursing; Andrea Stanton, Monroeville, Master of Education, curriculum and instruction; Abigail Stuskiel, Plains Top, Bachelor of Science, business; Nicole Starks, Clark Summit, with distinction, Bachelor of Science, information sciences and technology; Natalie Stella, Scranton, Bachelor of Science, communication sciences and disorders; Amanda Stevens, Moosa, Bachelor of Arts, administration of justice; Robert Stevens, Tunkhannock, Bachelor of Science, electrical engineering technology; William Stetson, Northside, Bachelor of Science, electrical engineering; Kyrin Strain, Forest City, Bachelor of Science, human development and family studies; Lewis Strunk, Pittston, Associate of Engineering Technology, supervising engineering technology; Michelle Syer, Peckville, Associate of Science, nursing; Nicolas Szikowski, Dalton, Bachelor of Science, nuclear engineering; Ryan Tansman, Scranton, Associate of Science, nursing; Alexander Terry, Durmore, Bachelor of Science, information sciences and technology; Irene Tonkin, Wilmart, Associate of Science, nursing; Julie Trumbull, Honesdale, Bachelor of Arts, advertising/public relations and psychology; Shannon Thiel, Honesdale, Master of Geographic Information Systems, geographic information systems; Ryan Thomas, Clark Summit, Juris Doctor, law; Alfred Thome, Moscow, Associate of Science, nursing; Nicolas Tomase, Archbald, Bachelor of Science, information sciences and technology; Darcy Trauger, Honesdale, Bachelor of Arts, advertising/public relations; Eric Truchard, Tunkhannock, with high distinction, Bachelor of Science, mechanical engineering; Vary Ubahchi, Elyon, Bachelor of Science, human development and family studies; Meghan Utter, Moscow, Bachelor of Arts, English; Hannah Valshay, Scranton, Bachelor of Science, accounting and finance; Erin Van Buren, Dingmans Ferry, Bachelor of Science, administration of justice; John Vassil, Dalton, Bachelor of Science, mathematics; Cassandra Vaughan, Hawley, Bachelor of Arts, advertising/public relations; Nicolas Vieira, Scranton, with distinction, Associate of Arts, letters, arts and sciences; Gordon Visaggio, Shohola, Associate of Science, business administration; Harmony Vran, Clarks Summit, Associate of Science, nursing; Nicolas Vaughn, Pittston, Bachelor of Science, management information systems; Michele Whages, New Milford, Bachelor of Science, astronomy and astrophysics; Bradley Wagner, Clark Summit, Bachelor of Science, nuclear engineering; William Walsh, Scranton, Bachelor of Arts, English; Julie Walsh, Candeboro, with high distinction, Bachelor of Science, nursing; Audrey Wargawski, Dursey, Bachelor of Science, human development and family studies; Zachary Warren, Montrose, Bachelor of Science, meteorology; Zachary Watters, Clarks Summit, with high distinction, Bachelor of Arts, psychology; Daniel White, Scott Twp., Bachelor of Science, administration of justice; Kelsey Whitaker, Bushkill, Bachelor of Science, rehabilitation and human services; William Widmer, Scranton, Bachelor of Science, business; Diana Williams, Harding, Bachelor of Arts, advertising/public relations; Sabrina Williams, Durmore, Bachelor of Arts, letters, arts and sciences; Stephen Williams, Exeter, Associate of Science, nursing; Lori Winecki, Jermy, Associate of Science, business administration; Shannon Wolcott, Dursey, Bachelor of Science, criminal justice; Maria Wolfe, Jessup, Bachelor of Science, national sciences; Kristin Woody, Mayfield, Bachelor of Science, nursing; Dylan Wroblewski, Scott Twp., Bachelor of Science, petroleum and natural gas engineering; Evan Wyllom, Nayant, with high distinction, Bachelor of Science, accounting; Jason Yashinski, Clark Summit, Master of Professional Studies, human resources and employment relations; Garrett Zeigler, Hawley, Bachelor of Science, management information systems; Kara Terry, Forest City, Associate of Science, nursing; and Michael W. Zelnick, Scranton, Bachelor of Science, management.

## CLIPBOARD

### Abingtons

Prescription disposal: Abington Community Library/Lackawanna Office of Drug and Alcohol Program unusable/expired numbers/extra medications take back Oct. 29, library, 1000 W. Grove St., Clark Summit, free, anonymous; supervised by Clark Summit Police Department; chair massages compliments of Body & Soul Therapeutic Massage, 30/minute, five-minute minimum, has refreshments compliments of Rotary Club of the Abingtons.

### Forest City

Author's luncheon: Novel Women Book Club ninth annual Local Author's Luncheon to benefit Forest City Library Sept. 16, time of hospitality, 11:30 a.m., luncheon, 12:15 p.m., Stone Bridge Inn & Restaurant near Elk Mountain, followed by speaker/book signing; Natalia Meyers, author of "The Hollow Ground"; \$25, checks payable to Forest City Library, 531 Main St., Forest City, PA 18821 by Saturday, 570-765-9590.

### Lackawanna County

Beekeepers meet: Lackawanna Backyard Beekeepers meeting,

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Abington Community Library Ryan Room, full honey harvest and getting bees ready for fall, free.

Health fair: The Commonwealth Medical College/Scranton Primary Health Care Center/Geisinger fifth annual Steamtown Health Fair, Sept. 24, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., TOMO Medical Sciences Building, 525 Pine St., Scranton, free blood pressure screenings, health, nutrition and counseling information, children activities, yoga, Zumba; <https://www.lcm.edu/students/communityevents/steamtownhealthfair>.

Bike tour: Lackawanna Heritage Valley National and State Heritage Area and Heritage Valley Patriots Inc., Eastern Bks Tour, Sept. 25, Elksley Borough Recreation Complex, Rockwell, departs between 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m., light breakfast, lunch, \$30/3-hour/60+, \$35/adults, \$60/family, \$150/team; <https://www.lhva.org/heritage-explore-her-tour/registration-or-day-of-event-waiver-form>, 570-963-6730, ext. 8200, or Footlock page.

### Milford

Anniversary celebration: Belle Reve Senior Living 15th anniversary celebration, Sept. 17, noon-4 p.m., 404 E. Harford St., entertainment by Sonoville, activities,

brunch house, vendors, raffle, baskets, popcorn, candy coney, free; 570-499-9191.

### Old Forge

Seniors meet: Old Forge Retired Citizens meeting, Wednesday, 2:30 p.m., Aurora and Gerel's.

### Pittston

Dinner theater: Pittston Library 1900s Gangster Murder Mystery Dinner Theater fundraising event, Oct. 8, 6 p.m., John B. Cosgrove Center, \$55, \$400/100+; <https://www.pittstonlibrary.org/mystery-dinner-theater>. Dinner catered by Justified, \$2 surcharge on credit card purchases; 241-570-6549/5656.

### Regional

Connectors meet: Rabl Connectors meeting, Thursday, social hour, 6:30 p.m., meeting, 7, Wallingpoopok Area High School Library, Route 6, Kevin DeBocky, business owner/economist, address to Gov. Tom Ridge, speaking.

### Susquehanna County

Harvest festival: Friends of Susquehanna County Inc. 10th annual Harvest Festival, Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Colonial Brick Inn & Suites, Route 11, Halford, Great Bend Exit 230 on 161; rummage sale treasures, gift baskets, raffle, vendors, garden baskets featuring homegrown vegetables, food, baked goods; 570-879-4729.

Waverly Twp. Blood drive: Waverly Community House American Red Cross blood drive, Oct. 1, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., 1113 N. Abington Road, whole blood and double red blood cell donations; 800-HECROSS (800-733-2787) or 570-966-8191, ext. 2.

### West Scranton

Pasta dinner: St. Lucy's parish pasta dinner/throwing balls, salsa, Italian bread, biscuits; \$10, advance tickets, call rectory, 570-347-9421, also available day of drive-through.

CLIPBOARD ITEMS may be emailed to [yes@psdimes.com](mailto:yes@psdimes.com), sharebook.com or mailed to Clipboard, c/o the YESDesk at 149 Penn Ave., Scranton, 18503. YESDesk, 570-348-6121.

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<b>\$250,000.00</b>		



June 13, 2016

The Scranton Times/Tribune  
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Scranton, PA 18503

**Re: Public Hearing Notice  
City of Scranton  
Office of Economic and Community Development  
Action Plan 2017**

Attention: Sharon  
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Please insert the enclosed **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE** in the **(Non- Legal Section)** of the Scranton Times/Tribune on the following day:

**Thursday, June 23, 2016  
Tuesday, July 5, 2016**

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

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

Sincerely,

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

Linda B. Aebli  
Executive Director

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Gina Krushinski

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Affiant further deposes and says that neither the affiant nor The Scranton Times is interested in the subject matter of the aforesaid notice or advertisement and that all allegations in the foregoing statement as time, place and character or publication are true Gina Krushinski

Sworn and subscribed to before me  
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Sharon Venturi  
(Notary Public)

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City of Scranton, Lackawanna County  
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**PUBLIC HEARING**

Scranton's Office of Economic and Community Development (OECD) 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 activities to address those needs. This meeting, which will take place on Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. in Scranton City Council Chambers, City Hall, 340 North Washington Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503 will provide an opportunity for city residents to participate in the development and implementation of Scranton's Third Year Action Plan, which covers the year beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017. Anyone needing the service of an interpreter or any other services under the American Disability Act (ADA) should notify OECD at least forty-eight hours before meeting.

Citizens who are unable to attend the public hearing may submit their comments by Friday, August 5, 2016 to Scranton's Office of Economic and Community Development (OECD) at the following address:

**Office of Economic and Community Development (OECD)**  
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340 North Washington Avenue  
Scranton, PA 18503

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 2017 allocations for community and economic development activities, affordable housing and homelessness 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 OECD or on line at [www.scrantonpa.gov](http://www.scrantonpa.gov). Staff persons are available to provide technical assistance. If interested please schedule an appointment by calling 348-4216, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The City will submit the 2017 Action Plan after the actual allocation amounts are announced by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

William L. Courtright  
Mayor

Linda B. Aebfl  
Executive Director

CLIPBOARD

**Blakely**  
BB&S school: Elahely Fitzhugh Methodist Church vacation on BB&S school, June 26-30, 8:30 p.m., 313 Pitt St., BB&S lessons, games, crafts, snacks; the Rev. Scott McGeeby, 310-919-9258.

**Jessup**  
Reunion meeting: Inaugural High School class of 1966 50th class reunion planning meeting, July 10, 7 p.m., St. George's Restaurant, Church Street.

**Lake Winola**  
Company carnival: Lake Winola Fire Company carnival today 5:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., company grounds, Route 307, Thursday.

**Philston**  
Art walk: Mountain City Second Friday Art Walk, July 8, 5:30 p.m., artists, street performance, music, kids zone featuring interactive art, free face painting, free parking, Tomato Festival, Aug. 18-21.

**Roaring Brook Twp.**  
3K run/walk: St. Eusebia's 5K Run/Walk, July 16, 9 a.m., 214 Blue Spruce Road, 520/Berlin, July 16, 9:30 a.m., 1448 N. Run, 80 Division, professional DJ; www.saintsusa.com.

**Seranton**  
BB&S school: New Life Baptist Church Coweabanga Farm Vacation Bible School, July 11-13, 8:30 a.m., 840 Hamilton Ave., ages 5-12, crafts, Bible story books, games and snacks; fees, \$10-20; 4266.

**Lake Ariel**  
Chicken barbecue: Lake Ariel United Methodist Church chicken barbecue, Saturday, 4:30-6:30 p.m., 110 Village Ave., \$10/adult, \$5/children.

**Mondale**  
Cow Reg. St. John Winery

**Parish annual Holy Cow barbecue dinner and cow Reg. Aug. 13, noon-5 p.m., St. Paul's Church, Route 106, Royal featuring Holy Cow barbecue dinner and cow Reg. featuring cash prize, live music, basket raffles, games, table sales, hot dogs and pizza for sale; \$10/cow Reg. \$100-140-020.**

**Tunkhannock**  
Food Day: Tunkhannock Food Day, Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Gateway Food, conjunction with historical presentation; Historic Tunkhannock walking tour, Saturday, historical presentation, 11 a.m., Deitch Theater, discussion about Tunkhannock's and Wyoming County's history from visiting perspectives, guided tour, 10 a.m.

**Valley View School District**  
Annual carnival: Valley View School District annual Cow Family Carnival, July 28-29, 6:10 p.m., July 30, 2-10 p.m., John F.

**Herzogs Veterans Memorial Stadium, Pottsville**  
**Wayne County**  
Genealogical meeting: Wayne County Genealogy Group meeting, today, 4:30 p.m., Wayne County Historical Society, report by Ken Parks on the recent Ontario Genealogical Conference, continued discussion of vital records; www.waynecounty.org/370253230.

**Wyoming Valley**  
Receivable meeting: Wyoming Valley Civil War Round Table meeting, July 24, 7 p.m., lower level of the Diederichs American Legion, 750 Memorial Highway, Dallas, presenter: James Faber, author and civil war expert from Madison Valley, California, discussing his book "Inlanders in Our Town: The Battle of Gettysburg through the Eyes of Someone Who Lived It," 13/noon members; 310-674-8926.

**CLIPBOARD ITEMS may be emailed to 310-919-9258 or mailed to CressKen@trib.com or mailed to CressKen, c/o the YES Office at 149 Perry Ave., Seranton, PA 15005. YESDesk, 310-349-9121.**

**LACKAWANNA COUNTY COURT NOTES**  
**MARRIAGE LICENSES**  
Robert Raymond Williams Jr. and Maria Rosa Alvarez, both of Thompston.  
Sharon Lynn Baker and Teresa A. Wong, both of Seranton.  
Ken Marie Pugh and Lisa A. Sorrell, both of Madison, W.Va.  
Karin Jo Thompson and Travis Ann Vahl, both of Scott Top.  
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**PUBLIC HEARING**  
Seranton's Office of Economic and Community Development (OECDC) will conduct a public hearing to obtain citizens' views on housing and nonhousing community development needs in the City of Seranton and the development of a comprehensive City Plan, 216 North Washington Seranton, Pennsylvania 15085 will provide an opportunity for city residents to participate in the development and presentation of Seranton's 2017 Action Plan, which covers the year beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017. Anyone wishing the service of an interpreter or any other special needs under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) should notify OECDC at least ten days before the meeting.  
Citizens who are unable to attend the public hearing may submit their comments by Friday, Aug. 5, 2016 to Seranton's Office of Economic and Community Development (OECDC) at the following address:  
Office of Economic and Community Development (OECDC) Municipal Building 216 North Washington Avenue Seranton, PA 15085  
Proposals and letters to be included in the Action Plan must be submitted with the name and contact information in Seranton's 2017 Candidates Plan. All requests for 2017 candidates for housing and economic development activities, affordable housing and homelessness are a welcome.  
Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) - \$2,500,000-000 Home Improvement Partnership (HIP) - \$400,000-000 Emergency Rehabilitation Grants (ER) - \$100,000-000  
Those wishing to apply for assistance may obtain applications at OECDC or on line at www.seranton.gov. Best persons are available to provide technical assistance. If provided, please make an appointment by calling 314-2116, Monday through Friday from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm.  
The City will submit the 2017 Action Plan after the actual election results are announced by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).  
Wanda L. Cooper Mayor  
Linda B. Ash Executive Director

# Girl not listed as missing

## Once was subject of Amber Alert



JENNA PATTERSON, 16, was the subject of an Amber Alert.

BY SARAH SCIBTO STAFF WRITER  
**WILKES-BARRE** — A Wilkes-Barre teen sought by heavily armed, would-be rescuers Tuesday in New York City is the same girl previously the subject of an Amber Alert that sparked a 24-hour search in the area.  
Port Authority police stopped John Cramsey and Dan Smith at Glenville and Rindley streets in Manhattan Tuesday after a 16-year-old girl identified herself as Jenna Patterson of Wilkes-Barre with a cache of guns and ammunition.  
The three were arrested and charged with gun and drug crimes.  
Wilkes-Barre Police Chief Marcello Lencucha on Wednesday said the city police department isn't involved in the Holland Tunnel case. She said Jenna was never missing and her mother knew the girl was in New York.  
"That's all we know," Chief Lencucha said.  
Police sent out an Amber Alert in July 2015 after they said Jenna's ex-boyfriend, Walter Lewis, kidnaped her at gunpoint in front of her home. She was found about 25 hours later in a hospital parking garage with her ex-boyfriend, who police charged with kidnapping and related crimes.  
The girl refused to testify against Mr. Lewis in October 2015, and authorities dropped the kidnapping charges against him. At a hearing, Jenna said she still loved Mr. Lewis.  
Mr. Lewis later pleaded guilty to counts of making terroristic threats, simple assault, illegal weapons possession, fleeing police and resisting arrest. He was sentenced to 10 to 20 years in prison this month.  
According to The Morning Call of Allentown, Cyndi Angeles, Jenna's mother, told reporters Wednesday outside her home in the 200 block of Eastview Drive that she was about to leave for a hospital in New York to get her daughter.  
Mr. Angeles declined to talk further but did add, "My daughter doesn't do heroin. It was her friend."  
Mr. Cramsey on Tuesday morning posted in a Facebook group about the rescue attempt and claimed they planned to "extract" the girl from a hotel where she went to party.  
Mr. Cramsey, Mr. Smith

and Ms. Arndt pleaded not guilty related to guns and drugs found in the vehicle they were traveling in. Lawyers for the trio said the search that uncovered the weapons was illegal and that they planned to challenge the seizure.  
Mr. Cramsey operates a gun range outside Allentown and has become active in the fight against the heroin crisis in the Lehigh Valley since his 20-year-old daughter died of an overdose in February according to Lynn Baker, who started the group "Enough is Enough" with Mr. Cramsey.  
Ms. Baker said that the group has helped dozens of drug addicts since earlier this year, including going to hotels and homes to help.

She said that Ms. Arndt was the girl's former counselor and she called her seeking help on Monday Mr. Cramsey wrote on Mr. Smith's Facebook page early Tuesday morning that he was driving to New York "to do an extraction" of a 16-year-old girl from a hotel room in Brooklyn after an issue involving drugs.  
"I'm there," Mr. Smith said.  
One of the people told investigators that they were headed to Brooklyn "to rescue" a teenage girl before they were stopped in Jersey City, according to a law enforcement official. The official wasn't authorized to discuss the ongoing investigation and spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity.  
Ms. Baker said she spoke with Mr. Cramsey around 7:30 a.m. Tuesday as he was getting ready to go through the tunnel and that he asked her to start arranging for the girl to get into a detox or rehabilitation facility.  
In minutes later, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey police reported that they spotted the celebratory Dodge pickup with the name of Mr. Cramsey's gun range painted on it and pulled it over after spotting a cracked windshield and fumes dangling from the rearview mirror, according to a criminal complaint.  
Police said they recovered a semi-automatic, military-style rifle, a shotgun, five handguns, high-capacity magazines and other ammunition, two tactical vests and three helmets, according to the complaint. It was unclear what, if anything, the weapons had to do with their plans. Some of the weapons were hidden in a backpack group about the rescue attempt and claimed they planned to "extract" the girl from a hotel where she went to party.  
Mr. Cramsey, Mr. Smith

of the Bowman Street home indicates that mines are present in the area, Ms. Connelly wrote.  
The DEP Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation has issued an emergency declaration to begin work on the hole, according to Ms. Connelly.  
"What that means is we are going to expedite the work to get the hole filled as quickly as possible," she wrote.  
Work to fill the hole will begin as soon as DEP gets permission from neighboring property owners. So far, DEP has received "good cooperation" from them, she said.  
The DEP plans to use a combination of rock and soil to fill the hole. If that doesn't work to stabilize it all, then crews will use a concrete mixture, Ms. Connelly said.  
Contact the writer: cressken@trib.com, @CressKen on Twitter.

BY ERIC MARK STAFF WRITER  
**WILKES-BARRE** — A likely cause of a hole that opened up suddenly in the yard of a city home Sunday as a woman worked in the yard, according to the state Department of Environmental Protection.  
The hole opened up in a yard at a Bowman Street home on Sunday afternoon.  
Resident Rhonda Martini was not injured, according to published reports. She could not be reached for comment Wednesday.  
The hole, between about 6 feet and 8 feet deep and 8 feet in diameter, "is likely a mine subsidence, given the history of subsidence in that area, one in 1850 and the other in the '60s," DEP spokeswoman Colleen Connelly wrote in a Wednesday email. A search of mining maps in the area

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2016

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that Scranton City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, September 22, 2016 at 5:30 P.M., in Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Municipal Building, 340 No. Washington Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

The purpose of said Public Hearing is to hear testimony and discuss the following:

**FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 50, 2016 - 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, 2017.**

All those interested in above may attend the Public Hearing and participate at the hearing and/or examine a copy of the proposed Ordinance in the Office of the City Clerk, 2nd Floor, Municipal Building, 340 North Washington Avenue, Scranton, PA, during any business day between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M.

Interpreter service can be provided for hearing impaired individuals to participate in the proceedings. Anyone needing interpreter service at the meeting should notify the City Clerk at 570-348-4113 at least Forty-Eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting and arrangements will be made to accommodate them.

All citizens are urged to attend.

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SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA





Office of Economic and  
Community Development

June 2, 2016

The Scranton Times/Tribune  
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Saturday, June 18, 2016**

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Linda B. Aebli  
Executive Director

Lba/

Enclosure

MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2016

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Leonard and Betty Straub of Glen Lyon, married for 60 years, hold hands during Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter in downtown Scranton.

MARRIAGE: Couples celebrate

FROM PAGE A1
years they usually passed each other like ships in the night, his wife added. However, they made time to teach their children to understand the importance of service and leading by example.
The two, members of Our Lady of Victory Council in Tannersville, are celebrating their 25th anniversary this year, and they said volunteering at their church for weekend bingo dinners and teaching first Holy Communion classes is still an important part of their life.
"It's our second home," Mr. Johnson said.
During the yearly wedding anniversary celebration Mass, Bishop Joseph C. Riberaro compared a Christian marriage to the love God has for his people. His message, on the surface, seemed at odds with the

day's Scripture reading about suffering — the Old Testament story of a widow whose only son had died.
But it resonated with two Moste couples, both celebrating their 50th anniversaries this year, and both who lost sons too soon.
Henry and Kathy Boyle attended Mass and reception in the Diocesan Pastoral Center with longtime friends Frank and Kathy Belak. The two couples live in the same neighborhood and are members of Divine Mercy Parish in Scranton.
"Having a relationship with God helps you through all the ups and downs," Mrs. Belak said.
The Belaks' son, Jeff, died in 2006 at age 23. Not for their religion and good friends like the Boyles to share in the suffering, it would have been much harder to move past his death,

Mrs. Belak said.
The Boyles were high school sweethearts and married when they were both 20 years old in 1956.
They said faith and the church were their strength when their son, Chuckie, had a heart attack that took his life at age 24 in 1990.
"Something like that could make people fall apart, it drew us closer together, to God and to church," Mr. Boyle said.
They drew even closer when Mr. Boyle in 2014 collapsed in church and was later diagnosed with leukemia.
After treatment, doctors say he is cancer free and the two are enjoying their golden years together.
"We've been going on vacations, cruises, Disney World," he said. "Our life is full."
He and the writer, joanne@timesherald.com, 610-346-1111 on Twitter

PRIMARY: Clinton closes in

FROM PAGE A1

Rico's former Democratic National Committee chairman.
As the results from Puerto Rico trickled in, Mrs. Clinton maintained a steady 2-to-1 lead over Mr. Sanders.
While Puerto Rico residents cannot vote in the general election, the island's politics could reverberate into the fall campaign. Tens of thousands of Puerto Ricans have left the island to escape a dismal economy, with many resulting in the key electoral battleground of Florida.
Though Mrs. Clinton did not spend much time campaigning in Puerto Rico, the victory is fraught with symbolism for her campaign. Eight years ago, with the presidential nomination slipping from her grasp, she roiled through the streets of San Juan on the back of a flatbed truck, waving to a soundtrack of blasting Latin music.
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the great toll of gun violence," while Mr. Sanders made a series of stops in Los Angeles before an evening rally in San Diego.
"Sorry to disturb your brunch," Mr. Sanders said at Hamburger Mary's, taking the microphone during their "diego brunch" as disco lights swirled inside. "I just wanted to say that on Tuesday as you all know there is very important Democratic primary here in California. And my hope is that everyone will stand up and make clear it's too late for establishment politics."
While those watching the results in Puerto Rico focused on their impact on the race for the Democratic nomination, the focus of many voters on the island was its ongoing economic crisis.
Both Mr. Sanders and Mrs. Clinton had pledged to help the island's government tries to restructure \$70 billion worth of public debt the governor has said is unpayable.
"This is one of the most important political moments for Puerto Rico," said Emanuel Rosado, a 29-year-old Clinton supporter. "I'm taking a rest as a result of the economic crisis."
Two weeks before the primary Mr. Sanders criticized a rescue deal negotiated by U.S. House leaders and the Obama administration as having cost

him over \$1 million in a letter to fellow Senate Democrats. Mr. Sanders said the House bill to create a federal control board and allow some restructuring of the territory's \$70 billion debt would make "a terrible situation even worse."
Among those voting Sunday were Democratic Party superdelegate Lopez Lora, one of the party insiders who can vote for the candidate of their choice in the summer nomination. He had remained uncommitted, but said Sunday he will support Mrs. Clinton.
Mrs. Clinton has 1,607 pledged delegates won in primaries and caucuses; Mr. Sanders has 1,516. When including superdelegates, she had over Mr. Sanders (a substantial — 2,535 to 1,602).
With Mr. Lopez's endorsement, all levels of Puerto Rico's superdelegates have pledged their support for Mrs. Clinton.

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JUDGES: Panelists screening replacements

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one of six Mr. Wolf established by region to screen candidates' qualifications.
With numerous openings across the state, screening all the candidates would have overwhelmed the governor's Office of General Counsel, which is overseeing the process, he said.
Mr. Wolf and state Senate Republicans and Democrats to fill six vacancies on the three state appeals courts and at least 30 other vacancies in county commissioners and magisterial district courts. A separate, 11-member panel is screening the appeals court replacements — one vacancy on the Supreme Court, three on the Superior Court and two on the Commonwealth Court.
Under the state constitution, a governor nominates replacements for vacancies. A two-thirds Senate majority must confirm an appeals and common pleas court judge. Only a simple majority is necessary to confirm a magisterial district judge.
In this case, nominees must

pass muster with a Democratic governor and a Republican-controlled Senate. In practice, Senate Democrats have some influence because only 31 of the 52 senators are Republicans, three short of a two-thirds majority.
They hope to complete negotiations on the nominees by the end of this month when the General Assembly is supposed to adjourn for the summer, the Senate's Republican general counsel, Drew Cronington, said. Republicans are not bound by the governor's screening process, he said.
Mr. Sheridan would not comment on a deadline.
"Who will get this done as quickly as possible but there's no set timetable," he said.
The governor and Senate must settle on nominees relatively soon because elections for the vacancies will happen next year. With an election coming up, waiting too long limits the usefulness of nominating a replacement.
Mr. Sheridan said the regional panels are supposed to review applications, interview candidates and present

their qualifications to the governor, but not specifically recommend one candidate over another.
Mr. Wolf will review each panel's final product, which in no way binds him to nominate specific people, Mr. Sheridan said.
"The final decision is up to the governor," he said.
Mr. Cronington said Senate Republicans will have their own suggestions for nominees for some openings and won't be bound to confirm all Mr. Wolf's nominees.
The other Lackawanna and Luzerne counties residents on the northeast screening panel are:
■ Attorney Catherine R. O'Donnell of Wilkes-Barre, the co-chairwoman.
■ Attorney John B. Denappay a partner in the Myers, Brler & Kelly law firm in Scranton.
■ Karen Brler, the owner of a nursing agency whose husband, Daniel Brler, is a partner in the same law firm as Mr. Denappay.
■ Attorney Brian J. Call who owns the Dunmore law firm that bears his name.

■ Attorney Theresa M. Hinton, lawyer at Liberty Deposit & Discount Bank in Dunmore.
■ Attorney Angel Mae Wosby, a partner in the Zola Law Offices law firm in West Hazleton, whose father-in-law is Magisterial District Judge Joseph D. Zola in Hazleton.
■ Kling Adjet-Frimpong, volunteer coordinator at the Commission on Economic Opportunity in Wilkes-Barre.
■ Jennifer Vailach, whose background was unavailable.
■ Attorney Matthew L. Meagher, owner of Meagher Law in Hazleton.
■ Attorney Philip Marsh Hof, a partner in Seldin, Cohen, Hof & Reid LLC, a law firm in Bethlehem in Northampton County.
■ Attorney Kimberly A. Spotts-Kimmel, a partner in Gross McGinley LLP, a law firm based in Allentown in Lehigh County.
Contact the writer: shof@timesherald.com, 610-346-1111 on Twitter

DIPLOMAS: Family members to accept honors

FROM PAGE A1

through the state program Operation Recognition, which authorizes school districts to grant a diploma to any honorably discharged veteran who served in the military during World War II or the Korean or Vietnam wars.
In 2011, the district issued 21 diplomas to World War II veterans who joined the military before graduating from Scranton Central West Scranton Technical high schools. In 2014, 27 veterans became high school graduates during ceremony at West Scranton High School that commemorated the 70th anniversary of D-Day.
The diploma presentations are significant not only to veterans and their families, but to students and the community, said Robert Daloz, a veteran who is assistant principal at West Scranton High School and a member of the fundraising committee for the memorial.
"It's important to continue to educate our students to what these great Scranton residents did," he said.
On Tuesday, Mary Ann Bertha will accept diplomas on behalf of her father,

Charles George Decker, and uncle, James Joseph Durka. Both men served in the Army during World War II.
Mr. Durka served under George Patton and, when he died in the 1990s, was buried in Cathedral Cemetery like others fighting in the war, he missed his graduation.
Ms. Bertha was only 2 years old when her father, Mr. Decker, died of a heart attack in 1951. She is unsure if the few memories she has of him are true memories, or if they are stories that other people shared.
However, Tuesday's ceremony is more than a diploma. "It will mean to me that I was able to do something for my father," she said. "It will mean a lot. It will be something I never got to give him. It will be treasured."
James Tittel will be the only living veteran to receive a diploma Tuesday. The Vietnam veteran, enlisted in 1957, the same year he was supposed to graduate. He later earned his GED and worked at the Tobyhanna Army

Depot before retiring.
"When I got out of the Marine Corps, all along, I always missed having that diploma. That stuck in my mind forever," he said. "It will mean a lot. It will be something I never got a chance to do."
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CITY OF SCRANTON
PROPOSED THIRD YEAR ACTION PLAN
January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017
Office Monday, June 6, 2016 applications will be available for the City of Scranton Third Year Action Plan to the Office of Economic Development Block Grant Program (EDBG) HOME Initiative Partnership Program (HIPP) and the Opportunity Solutions Grant (OSG) Initiative at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Action Plan covers the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 and includes a budget associated with the grant and objectives identified in the City of Scranton Five Year Comprehensive Plan for the year 2017. All applicants must be prepared to provide, research, in public or otherwise, the budget and the objectives they proposed along with the budget of the City of Scranton. Applicants must demonstrate the financial management and programmatic expertise to successfully develop, implement and monitor the proposed action plan. All applicants must also be prepared to provide a copy of their budget, objectives and programmatic and financial management expertise to the City of Scranton. Applications will be accepted until 5:00 PM on Monday, June 6, 2016. Applications received after this date will not be considered.
CORG - \$7,500,000.00
HOME - \$400,000.00
ESG - \$240,000.00
Applications will be available for review at the City of Scranton Office of Economic Development, 100 N. Washington St., Scranton, PA 18502, on Monday, June 6, 2016. For more information, please contact the City of Scranton Office of Economic Development at (717) 346-1111.
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OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
PUBLIC HEARING

IN RE: ACTION PLAN FOR 2017

HELD:

Tuesday, July 12, 2016

LOCATION:

Council Chambers  
Scranton City Hall  
340 North Washington Avenue  
Scranton, Pennsylvania

CATHENE S. NARDOZZI, RPR - OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER



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OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

LINDA AEBLI, DIRECTOR

TOM PREAMBO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR

SPEAKERS:

NANCY PERRI

KATHLEEN QUINN

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1 MS. AEBLI: I would like to welcome  
2 everyone this evening to the Public Hearing  
3 held by the City of Scranton's Office of  
4 Economic and Community Development. My name  
5 is Linda Aebli and I'm the Executive  
6 Director of the Office of Economic and  
7 Community Development.  
8 Those attending from my staff is Tom  
9 Preambo. He is the deputy director of OECD.  
10 Before we begin receiving public  
11 comments, please be aware that we have a  
12 stenographer present in order to transcribe  
13 the comments to be included in the 2017  
14 Action Plan for the City of Scranton that  
15 will be sent to the U.S. Department of  
16 Housing and Urban Development.  
17 This Public Hearing is being held on  
18 Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in  
19 Scranton City Council chambers, 340 North  
20 Washington Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania.  
21 It should be noted that OECD has publically  
22 disclosed this public hearing on June 23,  
23 2016 and July 5, 2016 through the Scranton  
24 Times.  
25 This public hearing is being held to

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1 receive citizen's views on housing and  
2 non-housing community development activity  
3 needs in the City of Scranton for 2017. If  
4 you prefer not to speak you can write your  
5 comments to OECD and they must be received  
6 by Friday, August 26, 2016.  
7 The anticipated funding through 2017  
8 is: Community Development Block Grant  
9 \$2,500,000.00. In 2016 we received  
10 \$2,472,138, so I thought the 2.5 would be  
11 right there.  
12 The HOME Investment Partnership  
13 Program is \$400,000, and in 2016 we received  
14 \$386,557.  
15 The Emergency Solutions Grant  
16 program \$250,000. We are submitting four,  
17 and in 2016 we received \$226,593.  
18 To date, we are waiting for the 2016  
19 contracts to be received from HUD. We have  
20 not received them to date. Of course, these  
21 are approximate amounts.  
22 All applications are scored on the  
23 following, and there are evaluation sheets  
24 up the front if you want to take a copy:  
25 Need. They score up to 30 points.

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1 The applicant will have to demonstrate that  
2 it will serve a significant low to moderate  
3 income population to justify the grant being  
4 requested. Also, while the city recognizes  
5 that it has supported many excellent  
6 organizations in the recent years, we are  
7 always looking for different activities to  
8 fund.  
9 Feasibility and readiness is scored  
10 25 points. The City wants to give priority  
11 to activities that are shovel ready and can  
12 be accomplished in a timely manner. The  
13 application must be include material that  
14 demonstrates how it can be started quickly,  
15 preferably within three months of when the  
16 grant is awarded.  
17 Applicant Capacity. Capacity can be  
18 demonstrated through past experience of the  
19 applicant. If the applicant has received  
20 federal funding from the City previously,  
21 it's prior activity, including whether it  
22 has completed the work on time or  
23 demonstrated sound financial management,  
24 without undue problems or monitoring will be  
25 taken into account.

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1 Finances. The City through OECD  
2 wants to encourage leveraging and to look  
3 favorably on projects that demonstrate that  
4 other funding sources are involved. It is  
5 important to demonstrate that other funding  
6 will be in place when needed to complete the  
7 project. Letters from financial  
8 institutions, private foundations, state  
9 grants indicating their investment in the  
10 project and any private funding of the  
11 organization should be included in the  
12 application.  
13 Copies of the Application Evaluation  
14 Criteria, as I said, are on the table and  
15 they also can be located at  
16 www.scrantonpa.gov. All application must be  
17 submitted no later than Friday, August 5,  
18 2016 by 3:00 to OECD at City Hall. It is  
19 recommended that you deliver one copy. We  
20 used to ask for two copies, but we have  
21 knocked it down to one copy.  
22 Before we begin, do you have  
23 anything?  
24 MR. PREAMBO: Not at this time.  
25 MS. AEBLI: We will not accept

1 public comments on the 2017 Action Plan  
 2 activities.  
 3 Nancy?  
 MS. PERRI: My name is Nancy Perri.  
 I'm the communications and grants specialist  
 6 at the Women's Resource Center. The Women's  
 7 Resource Center is a private nonprofit  
 8 organization based in Scranton founded in  
 9 1976, this year WRC marks 40 years of  
 10 service to the community. WRC serves  
 11 adults, teens, and young child survivors of  
 12 domestic violence, dating violence, sexual  
 13 assault and stalking in Lackawanna County.  
 14 I'm just here to state that WRC will  
 15 be submitting two grant applications to the  
 16 city, an Emergency Solutions Grant, and a  
 17 Community Development Block Grant. The WRC  
 18 will again request approximately \$46,000 in  
 19 2017 Emergency Solutions Grant Funds to  
 20 provide safe housing, rapid rehousing, and  
 21 homeless prevention services for adult and  
 22 child victims of domestic violation.  
 23 WRC will also request \$25,000 in  
 24 2017 Community Development Block Grant Funds  
 25 to renovate a carriage house building on our

1 current property. The carriage house will  
 2 be used to house low income women and  
 3 children who are plagued with domestic  
 4 violence and this request will be combined  
 5 with state and county funding to complete  
 6 the project. Thank you for your time.  
 7 MS. AEBLI: Thank you, Nancy.  
 8 Kathleen Quinn.  
 9 MR. QUINN: My name is Kathleen Quin  
 10 and I'm copresident of the North Scranton  
 11 Neighborhood Association Watch. On Monday,  
 12 July 11, yesterday, the North Scranton  
 13 Neighborhood Association Watch passed a  
 14 resolution to submit an application to be  
 15 considered to receive an application of  
 16 funds through the CDBG program to make  
 17 improvements to McLane Park on Rockwell  
 18 Avenue in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Thank  
 19 you.  
 20 MS. AEBLI: Do you know what you are  
 planning on doing with it?  
 22 MS. QUINN: Yes. We are planning on  
 23 replacing the hazardous playground  
 24 equipment, the fencing around the  
 25 playground, the sidewalks, we need a flag

1 pole, some garbage cans, and repaving the  
 2 basketball court because it's slanted.  
 3 MS. AEBLI: How much you are asking  
 4 for?  
 5 MS. QUINN: I don't have a figure  
 6 yet.  
 7 MS. AEBLI: Okay.  
 8 MR. QUINN: We are actually waiting,  
 9 we do have someone that is helping us out  
 10 with the finances, Tom McLane has agreed to,  
 11 but we are just waiting on his quotes for  
 12 that.  
 13 MS. AEBLI: You may want to think  
 14 when you are putting the grant application  
 15 together, like you mentioned garbage cans,  
 16 everything we pay for has to be fixed, like,  
 17 you can't pick it up and take it away.  
 18 MS. QUINN: Oh, right, yeah. The  
 19 black -- the metal black ones, yes.  
 20 MS. AEBLI: Okay.  
 21 MS. QUINN: Oh, no, not just -- we  
 22 actually were looking through books and  
 23 stuff, but as far as pricing, I mean, the  
 24 concrete sidewalks and everything we  
 25 actually need someone who is professional

1 that can help us with the pricing because  
 2 this is our first time ever applying for  
 3 anything like that, so we are newbies.  
 4 MS. AEBLI: We'll help you.  
 5 MS. QUINN: Thank you.  
 6 MS. AEBLI: Thank you. Anyone else  
 7 who would like to speak? If there is no  
 8 other speakers, this public hearing is  
 9 closed. Thank you.  
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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.

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CATHENE S. NARDOZZI, RPR  
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# Sign-In Sheet

Attendees

## PUBLIC HEARING JULY 12, 2016

### 2017 ACTION PLAN

Name - Print		Signature
Nancy Perri	WRC	<i>Nancy Perri</i>
Isabelle Kuce	NSNAW	<i>Isabelle Kuce</i>
Kathleen Quinn	NSNAW	<i>Kathleen Quinn</i>

Speakers  
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Sign-In Sheet

PUBLIC HEARING JULY 12, 2016

2017 ACTION PLAN

Name - Print	ADDRESS/BUSINESS	Signature
Nancy Perri Hathken Quinn	WRC 444 Gilbert St SUNNYVALE CA 95088	Nancy Perri [Signature]

# North Scranton park gets \$150,000 CDBG

## City has \$2.5 million to award

BY KYLE WIND  
STAFF WRITER

Scranton City Council will direct \$150,000 in federal funding to fix up McLain Park using part of an estimated \$2.5 million the city will distribute for 2017.

Council approved the latest round of Community Development Block Grants, a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development program that funds items such as affordable housing, anti-poverty programs and infrastructure development.

Highlights of this year's grants include \$400,000 for reconstruction of roads to include handicapped curb cuts, \$54,000 to help the Scranton-Lackawanna Human Development Association

cy weatherize homes and \$261,845 for four neighborhood patrol police officers.

Among modifications council made to the budget before providing final approval were trimming the demolition of hazardous structure budget by \$50,000 to \$150,000 and the new weatherization program by \$10,000 to increase the McLain Park budget.

"It is right next to a housing project," Councilman Bill Gaughan explained. "There are literally hundreds and hundreds of children that use this park every year ... This park has not had any money put in it in almost 30 years. It has faulty playground equipment. The sidewalks are not (handicapped) accessible. The basketball court is in shambles, and the fence around the softball field is really dangerous."

Kathleen Quinn, co-president of North Scranton Neighborhood Association

Watch, hoped to be able to fix every item on the checklist for the Rockwell Avenue park with the federal funding and potentially a separate state gaming grant.

If the dollars don't stretch far enough to deal with every problem, right away, she pegged the top three priorities as improving the fencing at the end of the ball field on Gilbert Street so baseballs don't sail toward houses across the street, replacing the playground climber and fixing the loop-sided sidewalk.

"The kids from Bangor Heights, it's their only playground," Ms. Quinn said. "The teenagers, that's their basketball court. They're there morning to night."

The city delayed allocating funding to a proposed new rental rehabilitation program that would provide matches of up to \$10,000 per unit fixed up because the OECD office is still designing



KYLE WIND / STAFF PHOTO

**The North Scranton Neighborhood Association Watch plans to install a new fence at McLain Park's ballfield among improvements funded with federal money.**

the program, Executive Director Linda Aebli said. When council approved the allocations, Councilman Wayne Evans supported them but wanted a change in the future.

He didn't think \$200,000 for economic development activities — earmarked for a

small business loan program and infrastructure program to benefit low-to-moderate income people through job creation — was enough. "This continues to be heavy on the community development side and light on economic development," Mr. Evans said. "The city of

Scranton has limited resources to drive the economy. We must turn to our OECD to drive economic development, as well as create and drive a vision for that development."

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**OUR OPINION**

# Parks should be routine

**P**ublic recreation is a legitimate and important priority for municipal governments, but the way Scranton handles it shows that it's not important enough.

City council recently approved the use of \$150,000 in federal money to deal with a maintenance backlog at McLain Park in North Scranton. The project itself is a good one, ensuring safe access for a large number of children in surrounding neighborhoods.

But this often has been a pattern for much of the city park and pool systems — defer maintenance and, when it gets to a critical point, use community and economic development block grant money to fix it.

Parks routinely should be kept in good repair, which is less expensive than extensive repair projects after years of neglect. It not only would better serve city neighborhoods, but allow for better use of economic development money.

The city has just \$2.5 million in federal community and economic development grants to distribute in 2017, and an extremely high percentage of it is targeted for neighborhood projects — \$400,000 alone for road projects that also should be part of the city government's routine maintenance operations.

Councilman Wayne Evans is on the mark with his concern that only \$200,000, 8 percent of the annual grant money, is targeted for economic development projects.

Scranton's government must get to the point that it can handle what should be routine maintenance of important public infrastructure. Doing so would allow for long-term economic development planning and use of a higher percentage of federal grant money for business development and job creation.