



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM 2018-19 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN PUBLIC HEARING City of White Plains City Hall 255 Main St Council Chambers April 18, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

City of White Plains Planning Department: *Linda Puoplo, Deputy Commissioner; Corina Peralta, Community Development Assistant*

Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee (CDCAC): *Dennis Power, Chair; Millie Castro; Stephen Walfish; Mary Perri; William C. Brady; Ken Creary; Soknan Han Jung; Charlene Raynor*

Dennis Power, Chair of the CDCAC called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Chairman Power opened the meeting reviewing the evening's agenda.

1. Review the Draft 2018-2019 - Annual Action Plan, Year 4 of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan
2. Review of the current year's CDBG performance (2017-2018 Consolidated Plan Year 3)
3. Open meeting for public comment
4. Explain next steps

Presentation:

Linda Puoplo, Deputy Commissioner presented information on program overview:

Community Development Block Grant National Objectives

- Enhance and Maintain Viable Communities by Providing Decent Affordable Housing, a Suitable Living Environment and Expansion of Economic Opportunities
- Primarily to Benefit Low and Moderate Income Households
- Prevent or Eliminate Slums and Blight

Strategic Goals

- Housing
 - Homeowner occupied housing rehabilitation: 60 units rehabilitated
 - Multifamily housing rehabilitation including public housing: 100 units rehabilitated
 - Home Safety Initiative: Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Detector Installation: 125 units

- Lead-based paint rehabilitation
- Safe Housing Task Force
- Support energy efficiency upgrades
- Code Enforcement
 - Increased code compliance in CD Target Areas to improve housing conditions
 - Night canvassing program to reduce unsafe conditions unseen during other times
 - Address issues of overcrowding, poor sanitation, vacant and abandoned properties
- Affordable Housing Development
 - Support the creation of new rental housing through new development projects subject to City of White Plains Affordable Housing Program (various options to comply, mandatory participation)
- Affordable Housing
 - Deliver the affordable rental program including certifying new tenants, annual re-certifications, outreach for vacant units, and managing tenant issues with landlords
 - Fund housing counseling agencies to provide eviction prevention and housing counseling including first time homebuyers, down payment assistance and general housing counseling
- Public Housing
 - Rehabilitation of apartment units
 - Rehabilitation of common facilities
 - Redevelopment of Winbrook campus
 - Increase building security
 - Improve infrastructure including park facilities, community education facility, etc.
- Public Facilities and Improvements
 - Support improvements to the HUD Community Education Facility offering job training
 - Fund sidewalk improvements and handicapped accessibility improvements
 - Improve transportation facilities including pedestrian, bike, rail, bus and parking
 - Historic preservation
 - Support improvements to municipal parks and recreation in CD target areas
 - Support the rehabilitation of public community facilities that provide critical services to the low/moderate income population
 - Support the rehabilitation of public community facilities that provide critical services to the homeless population
 - Support the rehabilitation of public community facilities that provide critical services for special needs populations
- Public Services - Homeless
 - Fund outreach and case management programs for the chronically homeless
- Support Special Needs Population
 - Support programs that provide home delivered meals to the needy, access to food, information on accessible housing, and day programming for special needs populations
- Public Services Non-Homeless
 - Support programs that provide community development in target areas, comprehensive community programming in target areas, summer camps, after school programming, and job training and employment skills

Linda Puoplo gave specific details about the Community Development Target Areas. The Community Development Target Areas: 51% or more of the residents are low- and moderate-income. Meets National Objective “Benefit to Low and Moderate Income Households”.

- Current year CDBG performance
 - Current Year: 2017-2018 – Consolidated Plan Year 3
 - Funding Award: \$779,032
 - Activities funded:
 - Public Facilities: Delfino Park Installation of Handicapped Accessible Restroom
 - Community Facilities and Historic Preservation – Application currently active, projects to continue through Year 4/18-19
 - Neighborhood Home Rehabilitation – Single and Multi-family
 - Code Enforcement
 - Public Services: Services for seniors, youth, persons with disabilities, Employment training
 - Fair Housing activities

- 2018-2019 Annual Action Plan Development process
 - Application release date 12/1/17
 - Funding application workshops 12/11/17 and 12/12/17
 - Application due date 1/31/18
 - Public hearing #1 2/6/18
 - Public 30-day plan review 3/30/18 – 4/30/18
 - Public hearing #2 4/18/18
 - Common Council adoption 5/7/18 (Tentatively)
 - HUD Submission deadline 5/15/18 (Tentatively)
 - Start of FY 2018 program year 7/1/18 (Tentatively)

- 2018-2019 Contingency Plan

- 2018-2019 Annual action plan allocation \$770,000
 - Public Services and Administration will receive an increase or decrease in their funding

- CDBG Budget
 - \$128,120 Administration
 - \$100,000 Parks
 - \$191,083 Rehabilitation
 - \$200,000 Public Services
 - \$150,144 Code Enforcement
 - \$400,000 Rev. Fund

- 2018-2019 Annual Action Plan Proposed Activities

Next Year: 2018-2019 – Consolidated Plan Year 4

*Anticipated Funding Award: **PENDING***

Proposed Activities:

Public Facilities: Parks and Public Spaces in or serving CD Target Areas. Year 4 Proposed Projects:

- Mattison Park and Library Plaza

Community Facilities and Historic Preservation

Neighborhood Home Rehabilitation

- Single Family and Multi-Family

Code Enforcement in CD Target Areas

Zombie and Vacant Properties Initiative – Year 2

Public Services:

- Services for seniors, youth, persons with disabilities, employment training, and more Fair housing activities
- Review of public services funding recommendations as per chart below:

| Agency Name | Program Title | Funding Recommendation |
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| Comprehensive Services | | |
| Thomas H. Slater Center | <i>Counseling & Referral and Haitian Resource Ctr</i> | \$19,500 |
| El Centro Hispano | <i>Comprehensive Services Project</i> | \$15,000 |
| Housing, Home Ownership Assistance, Fair Housing Counseling | | |
| Westchester Residential Opportunities | <i>Comp. Housing Counseling</i> | \$11,000 |
| Legal Services of the Hudson Valley | <i>Preventing Evictions for the Elderly</i> | \$7,000 |
| Westchester Independent Living Center | <i>PROJECT ACCESS</i> | \$4,000 |
| Welfare: Food | | |
| Ecumenical Food Pantry | <i>Emergency Food Pantry</i> | \$16,000 |
| Meals-on-Wheels of White Plains | <i>Home Food Delivery</i> | \$13,000 |
| Homeless Services | | |
| Lifting Up Westchester | <i>Homeless Outreach & Case Mngt</i> | \$10,000 |
| Youth Services / Senior Services, Education | | |
| Passage to Excellence | <i>Summer Enrichment Program</i> | \$4,000 |
| YWCA of White Plains & Central Westchester | <i>GEMS (Girls Empowered Through Meaningful Support)</i> | \$4,000 |
| Job Training | | |
| Lifting Up Westchester | <i>Home Health Aide Training</i> | \$8,000 |
| City of White Plains Agency Name | | |
| City of White Plains Recreation & Parks | <i>Differing Abilities Program</i> | \$7,500 |
| City of White Plains Recreation & Parks | <i>Summer Camp Scholarships</i> | \$36,000 |
| City of White Plains Recreation & Parks | <i>Youth Recreation Program Scholarships</i> | \$10,000 |
| City of White Plains Youth Bureau | <i>After School Scholarships</i> | \$20,000 |
| City of White Plains Youth Bureau | <i>Summer Camp Scholarships</i> | \$15,000 |

Funding recommendations are based on year 3 funding. These recommendations are subject to change.

Strategies for Furthering Fair and Affordable Housing

2015-2019 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice

Ongoing Strategies and Activities

- Expand the scope of the WP Affordable Rental Housing Program
- Amend and rekindle the Affordable Housing Assistance Fund
- Abandoned Property Task Force
- Zombie and Vacant Property Prevention and Remediation Initiative
- Increase anti-discrimination awareness
- Continued support of housing counseling and financial literacy

Final Comments from Linda Puoplo on Annual Action Plan:

All inputs and responses into the Draft Plan whether received this evening or submitted through written comment will be recorded and considered. Plan revisions will be based on public comments. The plan will be adopted and implemented July 1, 2018.

Linda Puoplo, Deputy Commissioner completed the presentation and Dennis Power, Chairperson of the Community Development Citizen Advisory Committee opened up the meeting for Public Comment.

No comments made by the public.

Chairman Power concluded Public Hearing at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Community Development Assistant