



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TOWN OF STRATFORD, CONNECTICUT

FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 2015-2019 AND ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR PROGRAM YEAR 41 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING

The Town of Stratford Community Development Subcommittee of the Economic and Community Development Commission, in accordance with its Citizen Participation Plan, will hold a public hearing to solicit citizen input on community needs and projects being proposed for funding under the Program Year 41 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program on **Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 6:00 PM** in the Council Chambers, Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT. The CD Year 41 Program will cover the period from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has not yet informed the Town of our entitlement amount for CD Year 41. For planning purposes, the Town of Stratford anticipates receiving approximately \$524,706.

This year the Town is also preparing a five-year Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan (Con Plan) covering the period 2015-2019, and welcomes citizen input in that process. This new document will serve as the planning instrument that provides a framework for the use and expenditure of Community Development Block Grant funds during the period 2015-2019 in accordance with the objectives of the program. In furtherance of the Con Plan's goals and objectives, and in order to receive CDBG funding, the Town must develop an Action Plan for each year of the Con Plan. Because citizen participation has always been an integral part of the CDBG Program, the Community Development Subcommittee seeks your input as to the types of projects and activities it should include within its Action Plan for Program Year 41, as well as your input regarding the Town's housing and priority non-housing community development needs that will be identified in the Con Plan.

The Town must ensure that not less than 70 percent of its Community Development Funds shall be used for activities meeting the criteria of benefiting low and moderate income persons.

Any citizen wishing to present their proposals, comments and ideas on the types of projects which the Town should fund in order to meet its housing and community development needs for the 41st Program Year is invited to do so at this public hearing. Citizens may also discuss program performance or any other aspect of the program.

Any individual with a disability who needs special assistance to participate in the meeting should contact the ADA Coordinator, Susan Pawluk, at 385-4020 or 385-4022 (TDD) five (5) days before the meeting, if possible.

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