



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND SUMMARY OF ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM**

On April 18, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., the Stratford Town Council will hold a public hearing in the Council Chambers, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT 06615. The public hearing will afford citizens with the opportunity to comment on the Town's Proposed Annual Action Plan for Program Year 42 Community Development Block Grant Funding. The Proposed Plan, as listed below, was developed by the Community Development Subcommittee of the Economic and Community Development Commission based upon their citizen participation process, which included a Public Hearing held on February 16, 2016, and is designed to further the goals and objectives set forth in the Town's approved Consolidated Housing and Community Development Strategy and Plan (the "Con Plan") for 2015-2019.

The Town's Annual Action Plan for its 2016 Community Development Funds (Year 42) is as follows:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Description</u>
Public Services		
South End Community Center (SECC)	\$50,000	Location: 19 Bates Street – Funds for Operation of Center
Stratford Community Services	\$17,500	Location: 468 Birdseye Street – Funds for Bilingual Spanish Youth and Family Counseling
Sterling House Community Center	\$5,213	Location: 2283 Main Street – Funds for Resource Connection Program
Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust	\$5,000	Location: 570 State Street, Bridgeport – Funds for Homeownership Counseling Program
Center for Family Justice	\$5,000	Location: 468 Birdseye Street/753 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport – Funds for Family Strengthening Services Program
Total Public Services:	\$82,713	
Housing		
Catholic Charities – Bethlehem House	\$25,000	Location: 379/389 Jackson Ave – Supplemental Funds for Bethlehem House I and II Rehabilitation
Emerge, Inc. – Emerge 1	\$12,500	Funds for Furnace and Water Heater Replacement at Supportive Housing
Stratford Housing Authority	\$5,000	Location: SHA Units – Funds for Continuation of Vacant Unit Repair Program
Total Housing:	\$42,500	
Public Improvements		
Sidewalk Improvements	\$150,000	Supplemental Funds for Continuation of Sidewalk Improvements in LMI Areas
Johnson Field Improvements	\$64,208	Location: 719 Birdseye Street – Funding for Splash Pad
Johnson Field Improvements	\$45,000	Location: 719 Birdseye Street – Funding for Lighting Improvements
Stonybrook Gardens – Walkway Restoration (Phase II)	\$32,000	Location: 55 Singer Court – Supplemental funds for Walkway Restoration Throughout LMI Areas at Stonybrook Co-op Complex
Juliette Low Park	\$30,000	Location: Sedgewick Ave - Supplemental Funds for Picnic Shelter and Other Improvements
Short Beach Park Commission	\$5,000	Location: 1 Dorne Drive (Short Beach) - Funds for Mobi-Mats to Improve Accessibility
Total Public Improvements:	\$326,208	
Planning and Administration		
Management/Oversight of Program	\$100,000	General Administration of program and activities
Total Planning and Administration:	\$100,000	
Program Total:	\$551,421	

The Proposed Action Plan is based upon an allocation of \$551,421 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Further, the Proposed Plan presents a program that anticipates providing benefits to low- and moderate-income persons of 100% of the allocated expenditures for the 2016 Program Year. The Town must provide funds at least 70% of which will benefit low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons in accordance with HUD regulations for the term of this plan.

Availability of Plan for Review

In accordance with the Town's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), this information is available for review at Town Hall in the following locations: Office of the Town Clerk, 2725 Main Street; the Office of Economic/Community Development,

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Room 118, 2725 Main Street; and at the Stratford Public Library, 2203 Main Street, Stratford, CT 06615. The Plan will also be made available on the Town's website at www.townofstratford.com/communitydevelopment.

Comment Period

Resident questions and comments are welcomed and encouraged on the proposed 2016 Action Plan noted above. A copy of the Proposed Plan is available for review between 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday – Friday, as noted above. Careful consideration will be given to all comments received during the public review and comment period in accordance with the Town's CPP. The Town will append a summary of all comments received, and the responses thereto, in its submission to HUD. Questions or comments should be submitted in writing and addressed to Christopher Bandecchi, Community Development Administrator, Office of Community Development, Room 118, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT, 06615. **All comments must be received by close of business on May 2, 2016.**

The Town of Stratford is an equal opportunity employer. Any individual with a disability who needs special assistance to participate in the meeting should contact the ADA Coordinator, Susan Pawluk, at (203) 385-4020 or (203) 385-4022 (TDD) five (5) days before the meeting, if possible.

Christopher D. Bandecchi, Community Development Administrator