



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND SUMMARY OF
CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
AND
NOTICE OF SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS TO ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM**

On May 18, 2015, at 6:15 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 Consolidated Housing and Community Development Strategy and Plan (the “Con Plan”). This plan describes the strategy for administration of the Town’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for 2015-2019. The primary objectives of the CDBG Program are to: provide decent housing, provide a suitable living environment, and expand economic opportunities. 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. The Town has prepared its Con Plan and Annual Action Plan so as to minimize displacement. If necessary, relocation assistance will be provided in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970.

Content of the Plan

The Con Plan contains the following components:

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| I. Coordinating and Managing the Process | IV. Housing Market Analysis |
| II. Citizen Participation | V. Housing and Community Development Strategic Plan |
| III. Housing and Homeless Needs | VI. Action Plan |

Action Plan

The Plan contains the Town’s Annual Action Plan for its 2015 Community Development Funds (Year 41). The Proposed Action Plan is as follows:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Description</u>
<u>Public Services</u>		
South End Community Center (SECC)	\$50,000	Location: 19 Bates Street – Funds for Operation of Center
Stratford Senior Services	\$10,000	Location: 1000 West Broad Street – Funds for Outreach Coordinator to Assist At-Risk Older Adults
Stratford Community Services	\$17,500	Location: 468 Birdseye Street – Funds for Bilingual Spanish Counseling
Sterling House Community Center	\$5,576	Location: 2283 Main Street – Funds for Resource Connection Program
Total Public Services:	\$83,076	
<u>Housing</u>		
Emerge, Inc. – Emerge 1	\$10,000	Funds for Renovation of Supportive Housing
Access Independence – R.A.M.P. Program	\$10,000	Funds for R.A.M.P. Program to provide ramps for LMI persons with severe disabilities
Catholic Charities – Bethlehem House	\$85,000	Location: 379/389 Jackson Ave – Funds for Bethlehem House I and II Rehabilitation
Total Housing:	\$105,000	
<u>Public Improvements</u>		
Stonybrook Gardens – Walkway Restoration	\$30,000	Location: 55 Singer Court – Funds for Walkway Restoration Throughout LMI Areas at Stonybrook Co-op Complex
Sidewalk Improvements	\$175,000	Supplemental Funds for Continuation of Sidewalk Improvements in LMI Areas
SUMC/Community Center – Accessibility Lift System	\$20,000	Location: 2600 Main Street – Funds for Accessibility Lift System
Low/Mod Flood Study	\$30,000	Funds for Phase I – Multi Year Plan to Improve Flood and Drainage in LMI Areas
Juliette Low Park	\$20,767	Location: Sedgewick Ave - Supplemental Funds for Picnic Shelter and Other Improvements
Total Public Improvements:	\$275,767	
<u>Planning and Administration</u>		
Management/Oversight of Program	\$90,000	General Administration of program and activities.
Total Planning and Administration:	\$90,000	
Program Total:	\$553,843	

The Proposed Action Plan is based upon a \$553,843 allocation for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Notice is also hereby given of the following proposed substantial revisions to Town of Stratford Annual Action Plan(s):

Proposed Changes to 2014 Action Plan

Eliminate Activity: CD Project #4011 – South End Splash Park – Construction of a Splash Park. Project eliminated due to funding reallocation. Funding of \$50,000 reallocated in full to CD Project #4015.

Increase Funding: CD Project #4015 – Stratford Redevelopment Agency (Mercer Coal Towers). Increase funding necessary for demolition of the Mercer Coal Towers. Funding increased from \$145,902 to \$195,902.

Availability of Plan for Review

In accordance with the Town's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), this information, including the Con Plan, is available for review at Town Hall, Office of the Town Clerk, 2725 Main Street; the Office of Economic/Community Development, Room 118, 2725 Main Street; and 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 Con Plan, 2015 Action Plan, and the substantial amendment(s) noted above. A copy of the affected Annual Action Plan is available for review between 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday - Friday at the Department of Community/Economic Development, 2725 Main Street, Room 118, Stratford, Connecticut 06615. Careful consideration will be given to all comments received during the public review and comment period in accordance with the Town's CPP. Written comments should note the Action Plan(s) or Substantial Amendment(s) being addressed. The Town will append a summary of all comments received, and the responses thereto, in its submission to HUD.

Questions or comments may be 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 27, 2015.**

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