



**Community Development  
Block Grant Program – Year 43**

The Town of Stratford has determined that for planning purposes it should anticipate receiving approximately \$523,850 as its entitlement for the upcoming Community Development Year 43 Program (2017-2018). The actual amount may be more or less pending final notification from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Citizen participation has always been an integral part of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. In August 2015, in accordance with HUD's consolidated submission requirements, the Town prepared and submitted a new five-year Consolidated Housing and Community Development Strategy and Plan for Fiscal Years 2015-2019, which was subsequently approved by HUD. This planning document provides a framework for the use and expenditure of CDBG funds during the covered period in accordance with the objectives of the program. It also contains the Town's Action Plan which is developed annually in order to receive the CDBG funds. The Town seeks your input as to the types of projects and activities it should include within its 2017 Annual Action Plan for Program Year 43 that will meet the Town's identified housing and priority non-housing community development needs.

Please keep in mind that the program must primarily benefit low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons, since the Town must ensure that not less than 70 percent of the grant will be used for activities meeting this criterion.

In an effort to maximize citizen participation, the Town has prepared information packages on the program and the application process. If you are interested in receiving a package, please call or visit the Office of Economic and Community Development, 2725 Main Street, Room 118, Stratford, CT, 06615; Tel. (203) 385-4028; or visit us online at [www.townofstratford.com/communitydevelopment](http://www.townofstratford.com/communitydevelopment) to download a copy of the package or PDF application. **Please note that the deadline to submit an application/proposal is 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22, 2017.**

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