

CITY OF READING

SUMMARY NOTICE

2016 ACTION PLAN

The City of Reading adopted a Consolidated Plan for federal fiscal years 2014-2018. The Consolidated Plan is a five year planning document that addresses housing and community development needs of Reading. This summary is designed to give citizens, local governments, and interested organizations of the City an opportunity to comment on the City of Reading's one year Action Plan for 2016.

The Action Plan has been developed using an estimate of the amount of 2016 CDBG, ESG, and HOME entitlement funding that the City plans to receive from HUD. Funding amount revisions will be made to the activities in the Action Plan should the exact amount of funding awarded by HUD differ from the estimate. The activities with the highest funding amounts are the highest priority activities. Those priorities will remain the same irrespective of the amount of funding received from HUD. An activity funding amount revision will be based on the priorities and each entitlement program's funding caps. The City will adhere to its Citizen Participation Plan amendment requirements if an activity will be added to or cancelled from the Action Plan.

The 2016 ACTION PLAN: The City proposes to adopt its Action Plan for Federal Fiscal Year 2016. For 2016, the City anticipates receiving approximately \$2,456,385 from the CDBG Program, \$756,936 from the HOME Program, \$223,211 from the ESG Program. Additionally, the City anticipates NHS of Greater Berks Inc. receiving \$28,500 in program income from a previously-funded NHS homeownership loan program. The \$28,500 in program income will be used by NHS to make additional homeownership loans. Additional activities proposed for funding include emergency demolition \$160,000, code enforcement \$670,000, Micro-Enterprise Technical Assistance program \$120,000, Commercial and residential historic preservation façade improvement programs \$135,000, historic preservation \$20,000, public facilities/improvements \$320,650, public services \$364,458, operations & maintenance of emergency shelters and essential services for homeless persons \$128,970, homelessness prevention activities \$51,800, street outreach \$3,500, rapid re-housing \$22,200, homebuyer assistance programs \$200,000, owner-occupied housing rehabilitation \$451,242, CHDO operating \$30,000, planning & administration \$583,712. The estimated amount to benefit low and moderate income persons for the CDBG Program is 87%. The City expects no displacement of families, individuals, or businesses to occur as a result of the activities. Should displacement occur as a result of any project or activity, the City will follow the regulations of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended.

PUBLIC REVIEW: This summary is designed to give citizens, local government officials, and interested organizations of the City an opportunity to comment on the Plan. Please submit written comments to: Lenin Agudo, Community Development Department Director, City Hall Third Floor, 815 Washington Street, Reading, PA 19601 by November 8, 2015.

A Citizen Summary of the City's Action Plan is available for public review and comment at the following locations:

Community Development Department – Third Floor
Office of the City Clerk – Second Floor
City Hall
815 Washington Street
Reading, PA 19601

PUBLIC HEARING: The City of Reading will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 5 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall Second Floor, 815 Washington Street, Reading, PA 19601. All citizens, public agencies and other interested parties may either attend this hearing. Persons requiring assistance due to hearing, speech, or vision impairments should notify the Community Development Department at 610-655-6211 or 610-655-6442 (TDD).

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: The City will be undertaking an evaluation of the activities to be funded in an effort to identify historic and archaeological resources that may be affected by the activities. By this Notice, the City invites interested parties who may have an interest in activities which may impact historic and archaeological resources to make themselves known. Parties should contact the City of Reading Community Development Department, City Hall, 815 Washington Street, Reading, PA 19601, Phone 610-655-6211 or 610-655-6442 (TDD). The City will involve such parties in the notification and review process of the National Advisory Council on Historic Preservation as set forth in 36 CFR Part 800.