

RESOLUTION NO. 124 2014

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE
PY2015 ACTION PLAN TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, under 24 CFR Part 91, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) outlines the consolidated submissions for community planning and development programs which will serve as: (1) a planning document for the City that builds on a participatory process at the grass roots level, (2) an application for federal funds under HUD's formula grant program, (3) a strategy to be followed in carrying out HUD programs, and (4) an Action Plan that provides a basis for assessing performance;

WHEREAS, the PY2014 to FFY2018 five year Consolidated Plan (40th to 44th years - January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2018) specifies activities the City will undertake to address priority needs and local objectives using formula grant funds and program income the City expects to receive during a five year period;

WHEREAS, the PY2015 (41st year January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015) Action Plan specifies activities the City will undertake to address priority needs and local objectives using formula grant funds and program income the City expects to receive during the program year;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING THAT:

The PY2015 (41st year January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015) Action Plan is hereby approved.

The Mayor, on behalf of the City of Reading, is authorized and directed to file the application for financial assistance to carry out the housing and community development activities outlined in the plan; and to execute the necessary certifications in connection with the plan and provide such additional information as may be required.

ADOPTED BY COUNCIL 10/10, 2014

[Signature]
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

[Signature]
CITY CLERK

I, **LUNDA A. KELLEHER**, City Clerk of the City of Reading, Pa., do hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution passed by the Council of the City of Reading, on the 10 day of Nov, A. D. 20 14. Witness my hand and seal of the said City this 10 day of Nov, A. D. 20 14.
[Signature]
CITY CLERK



2013 HOME Program Application Summary

Organization	Location	Project	Total Project	2012 Amount Funded	2013 Amount Funded	2014 Amount Funded
Administrative Funds	NA	NA	NA	\$ 69,801.00	\$ 75,266.00	\$
Habitat for Humanity	4th & Elm/ 6th & Bingham	4 Homeowner rehabs	\$421,573	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 135,000.00	\$
Our City Reading	City-wide	10 Homeowner rehabs	\$744,188	\$ 428,209.90	\$ 342,401.00	\$
Neighborhood Housing Services	City-wide	Single Family Development	N/A	\$ 105,000.00	\$ 112,900.00	\$
	City-wide	Home-ownership assistance (HOP)	\$550,000	\$	\$ 87,100.00	\$
	City-wide	Loan Loss Support				
	City-wide	CHDO Operating support	\$75,000			\$
	City-wide	Major System Repair Program	N/A			\$
		NHS Total				\$
Delaware Valley Development	1001 Weiser Street	47 new home construction	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Skyline View Apartments (HDC)	50 N. 9th Street	modernizing all units	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2014 Grand Total			\$ 1,790,761.00	\$ 698,011.00	\$ 752,667.00	\$

ESG FY 2015 Recommendations

Based on \$207,105 Estimate

Agency	Funded Amount in 2014	Request for 2015	2015 Recommendation	60% Cap			Homelessness Prevention
				Operations & Maintenance	Essential Services	Street Outreach	
BCEH	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -
Berks Community Action Program (BCAP)	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Berks Connections/Prenatal Services	County Funded	\$ 33,000.00	County Funding	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
BWIC	County Funded	\$ 160,000.00	County Funding	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Catholic Charities	\$ -	\$ 38,430.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ESG Adm'n.	\$ 15,533.00	\$ 15,533.00	15,533.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Family Promise	County Funded	\$ 50,000.00	County Funding	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Human Relations Commission	\$ 15,200.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 27,572.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,572.00
Mary's Shelter	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
MidPenn Legal Services	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Opportunity House / RBES	\$ 102,227.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 93,000.00	\$ 165,100.00	\$ 27,900.00	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00
Salvation Army	\$ 43,145.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 207,105.00	\$ 712,963.00	\$ 207,105.00	\$ 82,600.00	\$ 35,400.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 67,572.00
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							67,100.00

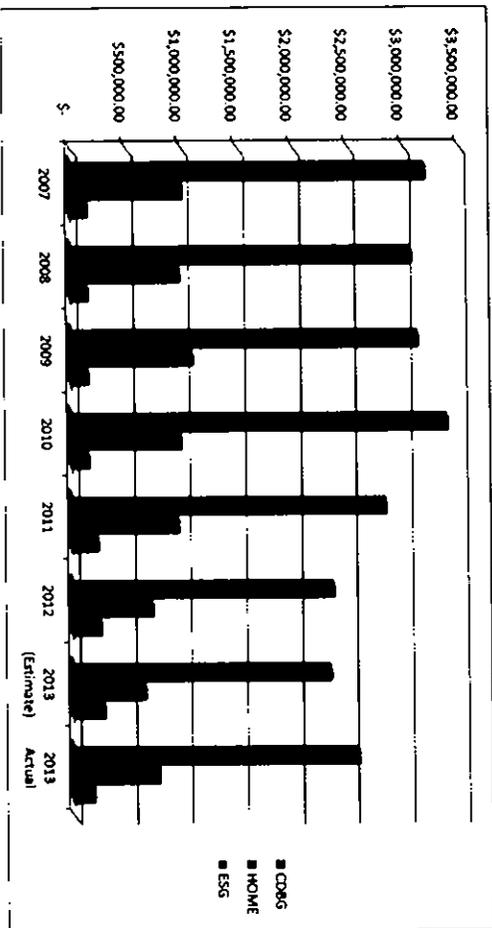
Disclosure:

As part of the Federal HEARTH Act requirements enacted in 2012 for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program, the City of Reading is required to consult with a Homeless Coalition, the Berks Coalition to End Homelessness (BCEH), to determine ESG allocations each year. This process ensures that funding allocation determinations will be made a ESG-funded activities into a strategic, community-wide system for preventing and ending homelessness. This process relies on the expertise of agencies that work with homeless and families everyday, and therefore know what their needs are. TheCoC is comprised of 23 members.

Community Development HUD Funding

Year	Entitlement Funding 2007-2014			Total
	CDBG	HOME	ESG	
2007	\$ 3,174,833.00	\$ 882,956.00	\$ 137,325.00	\$ 4,305,114.00
2008	\$ 3,050,743.00	\$ 962,215.00	\$ 138,792.00	\$ 4,149,750.00
2009	\$ 3,098,784.00	\$ 1,071,352.00	\$ 135,829.00	\$ 4,305,945.00
2010	\$ 3,360,585.00	\$ 967,214.00	\$ 135,899.00	\$ 4,463,698.00
2011	\$ 2,804,510.00	\$ 943,508.00	\$ 212,784.00	\$ 3,960,782.00
2012	\$ 2,335,462.00	\$ 698,011.00	\$ 242,863.00	\$ 3,276,336.00
2013 (Estimate)	\$ 2,300,000.00	\$ 628,209.90	\$ 265,000.00	\$ 3,193,209.90
2013 Actual	\$ 2,649,336.00	\$ 752,667.00	\$ 170,378.00	\$ 3,472,381.00
2014 (Projected)	\$ 2,600,000.00	\$ 752,667.00	\$ 170,378.00	\$ 3,423,045.00
Changes	9.2%	7.8%	-29.8%	6.0%
	\$ 213,873.00	\$ 64,686.00	\$ (72,464.00)	\$ 196,045.00

2013 figures are estimates & are subject to change based on US Congressional Decision & Presidential selected events.



Community Development received a substantial boost from the ARRA and subsequent increase in entitlement funding in 2009 and 2010 - the "high-water mark" for our entitlement funds. Subsequently, with the exception of our homelessness assistance program, the City has witnessed steady decrease in both CDBG and HOME funds. Both the NSP program (housing stimulus program) CDBG-R grant (Recovery Block Grant) and HPRP (Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program) are in the process of closing out.

The following considerations were made for the recommendations:

1. Prioritized Projects based on need & City's Strategic Plans.
2. Relief of the general fund, not the general conduct of government.
3. Supports activity chartered by City Council Ordinance.
4. Lack of Capital Improvement Program.
5. Rate of subgrantee compliance to ensure the Federal Government's business test is met.
6. Adhered to Federal requirements of CoC and HEARTH (The case of ESG).
7. Adhered to all Federal Guidelines governing each entitlement program.