

The Advocate
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Annual Action Plan for HUD Entitlement funds

The proposed 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan (AAP) for the use of federal housing and community development funds by the City of Stamford (City) is available for public review and comment. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has not notified the City how much it will receive from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) or from the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). The plan has been developed based on an estimated CDBG allocation of \$908,290 and \$435,579 HOME allocation. In addition, there is a projected HOME/CDBG housing loan program income of \$50,000 that will be used for housing rehabilitation and downpayment loans.

HUD funds are intended to principally benefit low income persons in Stamford by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities. The proposed AAP will fund programs and projects that provide affordable housing, revitalize neighborhoods, fight poverty, improve homeless shelters & daycare, promote job growth and provide support services related to youth, elderly, health and homelessness.

The proposed AAP provides \$136,244 for public services for the hungry, homeless, youth, elderly, and victims of domestic violence; \$253,090 for improvements to facilities including a daycare center, health center, homeless shelter, community center, and a rehab facility; \$310,050 in CDBG funds and \$328,884 in HOME funds for affordable housing, \$181,858 for grant administration and \$27,249 in contingency. If the CDBG allocation is less than estimated funded public service activities will be decreased pro rata from the estimated funding allocation to match the actual allocation amount; no funded public service activity will receive less than \$5,000. For the balance of activities (public improvements and housing) a decrease in funding will first be applied to the contingency line. If further reductions are necessary pro rata reductions will be made to all Program Income and Housing programs. If necessary funds for grant administration will be decreased from the estimated funding levels to match the actual allocation amounts. HOME will be increased or decreased from the estimate funding levels to match actual allocation amounts.

The Citizen Participation Plan, the Year 45 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), the 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan and HUD's review of the CAPER are available for review from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday-Friday, at the Stamford Community Development Office (SCD), 888 Washington Blvd. 10th Floor, Stamford, CT, the Stamford Library - Main Branch, the Stamford Town Clerk's Office and online at www.stamfordct.gov. Written comments on this proposed AAP, and other listed documents should be submitted to the SCD Office at the above address by April 12, 2019.

On Monday, March 18, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. on the 4th floor of the Stamford Government Center, 888 Washington Blvd., the Housing, Community Development and Social Services (HCD/SS) Committee of the Board of Representatives will hold a public meeting to accept verbal or written comments from citizens regarding the proposed AAP. In response to public comments the Mayor and HCD/SS Committee will finalize the AAP.

Anyone having special needs in order to participate in the public meeting should call Tara Petrocelli, Administrative CD Officer at 203-977-4053 by March 15, 2019 to make arrangements.

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