

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE  
CITY OF ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND  
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Altoona, Blair County, PA will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 19, 2014 at 6:00 PM, prevailing time, in the City Hall Conference Room, 1301 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Fourth Floor, City Hall, Altoona, PA 16601. The Altoona City Hall and the City Hall Conference Room are accessible to persons with physical disabilities. If special arrangements need to be made to accommodate citizens in order for them to participate in the public hearing, please call Mr. Lee C. Slusser, Director, Department of Planning & Community Development, City of Altoona, at (814) 949-2470 to make those arrangements, or for the hearing impaired call 711.

The purpose of this public hearing is to gather information for the City's Five Year Consolidated Plan for FY 2015-2019, the Annual Action Plan for FY 2015, and the City's Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (A.I.), which the City must submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Funds and the HOME Investment Partnership Program. Additionally, the hearing will be used to solicit the views and comments of individuals and organizations concerning any impediments to fair housing choice in the City and what steps should be undertaken to affirmatively further fair housing.

The City of Altoona anticipates based on last fiscal year's allocation that it will receive an estimated CDBG entitlement grant in the amount of approximately \$1,456,000 for FY 2015; and 242,200 in HOME funds. These funding levels are contingent upon the final approval of the Federal Budget for FY 2015. In order to receive those funds, the City of Altoona must prepare a Five Year Consolidated Plan and a One Year Annual Action Plan for the use of the CDBG and HOME funds. At least 70% of the CDBG funds must benefit low- and moderate-income persons living in the City of Altoona. In preparing its CDBG and HOME application the City intends to afford citizens, local agencies, and interested parties the opportunity to become involved in the planning process.

The following types of activities may be eligible for funding under the CDBG program: Acquisition of property; disposition costs; improvements to public facilities, including the removal of architectural barriers; demolition and environmental clean-up; public services that are new or a quantifiable increase in the level of service; interim assistance; relocation payments for persons displaced as a result of a CDBG activity; rehabilitation of houses; code enforcement; special economic development activities; special activities undertaken by a community based development organization; home ownership assistance for purchase; planning; environmental; program administration; audit; and other miscellaneous activities.

If the City would undertake an activity that would result in the displacement of families or individuals, then the City would utilize its policy for minimizing such displacement.

Furthermore, the City is responsible for replacing all low- and moderate-income housing units that may be demolished or converted as a result of CDBG funds.

The Analysis of Impediments will focus on the status and interaction of six (6) fundamental conditions within the community:

- The sale or rental of dwellings (public or private);
- The provision of housing brokerage services;
- The provision of financial assistance for dwellings;
- Public policies and actions affecting the approval of sites and other building requirements used in the approval process for the construction of publicly assisted housing;
- The administrative policies concerning community development and housing activities, which affect opportunities of minority households to select housing inside or outside areas of minority concentration; and
- Where there is a determination of unlawful segregation or other housing discrimination by a court or a finding of noncompliance by HUD regarding assisted housing in a recipient's jurisdiction, an analysis of the actions which could be taken by the recipient to remedy the discriminatory condition, including actions involving the expenditure of funds made available under 24 CFR Part 570.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend this public hearing and they will be given the opportunity to present oral or written testimony concerning the needs of the City of Altoona and the use of CDBG and HOME funds to address those needs over the next five (5) years. Written comments may be addressed to Mr. Lee C. Slusser, Department of Planning and Community Development Director, City of Altoona, 1301 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 400, Altoona, PA 16601.

Matt Pacifico, Mayor of the City of Altoona