

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Altoona has established the following schedule for community participation in the development of the City's 2015 CDBG/HOME Annual Plan and the adoption of the 5-Year HUD Consolidated Plan. The Annual Plan is the 1-year Housing and Community Development Program containing projects that will be funded by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The 5-Year Plan is a community planning document containing housing and community development needs that have been identified in Altoona, a 5-year strategy for addressing those needs and the Annual Plan. The 2015 Annual Plan will address funding for the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. The 5-Year Plan will be established for the period of Program Years 2015 through 2019.

City of Altoona
 Schedule for Preparing the 2015 Annual Plan and
 The 5-year HUD Consolidated Plan

Wednesday, February 4, 2015 5:00 p.m. City Hall Conference Room 1301 12 th Street, 4 th Floor	1 st Community Public Hearing – To provide information on the Consolidated Plan, the Annual Plan and eligible activities and to accept comments on identified community needs, programs and projects.
Friday, March 6, 2015	Deadline for submission of applications for the 2015 projects.
Wednesday, March 18, 2015	Anticipated date of City publication of proposed 2015 Annual Plan and the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. Note: Date of publication begins mandatory 30-day public comment period before action can be taken.
Wednesday, April 15, 2015 5:00 p.m. City Hall Conference Room 1301 12 th Street, 4 th Floor	2 nd Community Public Hearing – To present and accept comment on the proposed 2015 Annual Plan and the Consolidated Plan.
Wednesday, April 22, 2015 7:00 p.m. Altoona Training Facilities and Council Chambers 1320 Washington Avenue	Anticipated date for City Council to present the finalized 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, accept final comments, and adopt Consolidated Plan.
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	Submit 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan to HUD.

The City encourages participation on housing and community development needs prior to preparation/update of the 5-Year HUD Consolidated Plan and Annual Plan by all citizens, organizations and other interested parties. Participation and involvement is especially recommended for lower income residents and residents of community development and urban renewal areas. The City will provide, upon request, technical assistance to citizens and citizen organizations that represent persons of low and moderate income. Assistance may include special informational meetings, meetings with technical advisors, requested information, assistance with preparing a project request and completing the application form or any such assistance necessary to aid in understanding and participation. Citizens who wish to review information obtained by the City for the development of the 5-Year HUD Consolidated Plan or Annual Plan may do so by contacting the City. Meetings held to develop or discuss the documents are open to the public pursuant to the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act and citizens may attend or request a copy of the summary of a meeting. If you are unable to attend the community public hearings and wish to comment, or if you wish to obtain a project application form, please contact the City, at the address or phone numbers shown below, for assistance. Comments can be made at any time, in

person, by phone, FAX or mail. Project requests must be submitted in writing using the City's application form and must be submitted by Friday, March 6, 2015.

All meetings are held in locations that are accessible to persons with disabilities. Upon request, the City of Altoona will accommodate the needs of participants with hearing or visual impairments and non-English speaking participants who identify those needs in advance. Information will be made available upon request in large print, on audio tape or in Braille. Please contact the City at the address or phone numbers shown below. A Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) is prepared by the City after the close of each program year. The 2014 CAPER will be available for review no later than August 29, 2015, for a 30-day comment period and a public hearing before filing with HUD. The CAPERs are available for review upon request. Citizens who would like to file a complaint about the Consolidated Plan, Annual Plan or CAPER Report should submit their complaint in writing to the City at the address shown below. The City will respond to all written complaints within 15 days, when practicable. Citizens may also file complaints with HUD at: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Moorehead Federal Building, 1000 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-2515, to the attention of Mr. John Tolbert, CPD Director. The City uses a Public Participation Mailing List to disseminate information to special needs groups, minority organizations, as well as other individuals and groups interested in the Consolidated Plan. If you do not currently receive information and wish to be placed on the mailing list, please contact the City at the address or phone numbers shown below.

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