

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING**

2009-2010 City of Waterbury Annual Action Plan

A public hearing will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. before the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) in the Brass City Room, 2nd floor, Waterbury Development Corporation (WDC), 24 Leavenworth St., Waterbury, CT. The facility is handicapped accessible.

Citizen participation is an integral part of the development of the 2009-2010 Annual Action Plan. The City of Waterbury (City) will hold a public hearing in the needs assessment stage of the Annual Action Plan process. The Annual Action Plan identifies how the City will utilize this year's allocation of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds and serves as an application for 2009-2010 funds including: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended; Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) program funds under the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act; and, HOME program funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 as amended by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992.

An overview of the Annual Plan process will be provided at the hearing. The CAC will accept public input relating to housing and community development needs as well as input relating to activities, projects and services for the 2009-2010 Annual Action Plan and any comments reviewing program performance. All interested person(s) are encouraged to attend. The City will provide interpreters and assistance for non-English speaking, hearing-impaired or disabled residents upon receiving a request at least four (4) days prior to this hearing date. A Spanish translator will be provided.

Funding Availability and Uses

Last year's funding allocations from HUD were as follows: \$2,241,978 (CDBG) \$99,746 (ESG) and \$938,304 (HOME). HUD has not yet announced definitive funding numbers for the 2009-2010 year, but funding is anticipated to be at or near 2008-2009 levels. Program income for 2009-2010 is anticipated to be \$8,600.00 for HOME and \$22,000.00 for CDBG. The City of Waterbury Program Year is October 1-September 30.

Applications for CDBG/ESG/HOME funding must meet HUD national objectives and eligibility requirements and comply with the goals, objectives and funding priorities set forth in the five-year Consolidated Plan.

National Objectives of the CDBG program are: (1) to benefit low/moderate income persons; (2) to eliminate slum and blight; and (3) to address urgent (emergency) needs. The City of Waterbury estimates that not less than 70% of its aggregate 2009-2010 CDBG funds will be used to meet the national objective of benefit to low and moderate-income persons. The objective of the ESG program is to provide services to the homeless. The objective of the HOME program is to construct and/or rehabilitate housing for low/moderate income persons.

Specific types of CDBG eligible activities may include, but are not limited to: acquisition, demolition, housing rehabilitation, commercial rehabilitation, emergency relocation, public facilities improvements, fire protection/fire station improvements, non-commercial rehabilitation, public services (15% federal cap), removal of architectural barriers (handicapped accessibility), sidewalk and street reconstruction, economic development, and planning and administration for projects which meet at least one of the National Objectives. ESG activities include emergency shelter operating costs. HOME activities may include housing construction, rehabilitation, and down payment assistance.

Application Process

Funding applications for CDBG/ESG programs can be obtained at the Waterbury Development Corporation (WDC), 24 Leavenworth Street, Waterbury, CT. on Tuesday, March 17, 2009 or downloaded from the WDC website www.wdconline.org or the City's website www.waterburyct.org. CDBG/ESG funding applications are due at the WDC by Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. Upon receipt of funding applications the CAC will review and make recommendations to the City for funding allocations. As part of the CAC's review process, the CAC will hold additional public meetings and a second public hearing to receive public input throughout the process.

Any questions regarding applications can be addressed to Community Planning and Development Coordinator, Kathleen McNamara at 203- 346-2607, Ext. 115 or email: mcnamara@wdconline.org. WDC will offer technical assistance workshops to agencies/individuals wishing to apply for CDBG/ESG funding on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. and Tuesday, March 31, 2009 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. in the 2nd floor Brass City Room at the WDC, 24 Leavenworth St., Waterbury.

Funding applications for the HOME program are taken on an ongoing basis. Application information and technical assistance can be obtained by contacting Housing /Neighborhood Specialist Tina Lubus at 346-2607 Ext. 118 or by email at lubus@wdconline.org.

A copy of the City's amended 2008-2013 Consolidated Plan is located at the WDC. All meetings/hearings are in facilities that are handicapped accessible.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009

Under the ARRA of 2009 the City of Waterbury is expected to receive \$608,548 in special CDBG funds for the purpose of job creation and retention. These funds are separate from 2009-2010 CDBG annual funds and will be approved as a Substantial Amendment to the City of Waterbury 2008-2013 Consolidated Plan and 2008-2009 Annual Action Plan. Project applications can be obtained at the WDC, 24 Leavenworth Street, Waterbury, CT starting Friday March 13, 2009 or downloaded from the WDC website www.wdconline.org or the City website www.waterburyct.org. Priority will be given to applications that create or retain jobs. As part of the Substantial Amendment process a public hearing will be held and there will be a period of public commentary on the proposed substantial amendment. Notice of the public hearing and the ARRA process will be posted in the newspaper through a legal ad and on the City website www.waterburyct.org and the WDC website www.wdconline.org. Any questions regarding

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Copias de este aviso en español se pueden obtener en la Corporación de Desarrollo de Waterbury, (Waterbury Development Corporation-WDC), en la calle Leavenworth #24, Waterbury, o en línea a través de la página de la red de la ciudad www.waterburyct.org y en la página de la red de la WDC www.wdconline.org.