

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

The Waterbury Development Corporation (WDC) is the administering agent for the City of Waterbury's entitlement grant under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, a federally funded program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The City of Waterbury (City) is pleased to announce the availability of 2010-2011 CDBG funds. The City has not received notice to date of its allocations for the upcoming program year and intends to use current year's allocations as the baseline for planning purposes. These amounts may increase or decrease depending upon the final federal approved budget. The 2009-2010 allocations were as follows: \$2,282,284 (CDBG), \$99,820 Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) and \$1,048,678 HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). Program income for 2010-2011 is anticipated to be \$16,400 for HOME and \$40,000 for CDBG.

In addition, the City has also estimated that it will have approximately \$520,000 in funds from previous years due to the cancellation of projects/activities or the completion of them under budget. These funds will be reallocated during this process and included within the Annual Action Plan. However, due to the limits on public services and administration and because these reprogrammed funds are not viewed as new funds, the reallocation of these reprogrammed funds shall be limited to those projects and activities not categorized as public service or administration.

In accordance with its Citizen Participation Plan, there will be a Public Hearing to solicit citizen input on the needs of the community before the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) on Wednesday March 24, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Brass City Room, 2nd floor, WDC, 24 Leavenworth St., Waterbury, CT. The facility is handicapped accessible.

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. All interested person(s) are encouraged to attend.

Those interested in applying for funds should submit their applications to WDC no later than 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 30, 2010. Upon receipt the CAC will review the applications for consistency with CDBG eligibility guidelines (24CFR570.201) and the themes identified for the City of Waterbury's Consolidated Plan (2008- 2013). As part of the review process, additional public meetings and a second public hearing will be held to receive public input. Applicants are encouraged to familiarize themselves well with the needs identified thus far, and to participate in the ongoing development of the Plan.

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 2010-2011 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.

It is the stated policy of the City to avoid activities which result in displacement. In the unlikely event any activity funded by the CDBG program results in displacement, the City has adopted a Relocation Policy and is responsible for providing relocation assistance if CDBG funds were used for that purpose.

Funding applications for CDBG/ESG programs can be obtained at the WDC, 24 Leavenworth Street, Waterbury, CT. on Friday March 5, 2010 or downloaded from the WDC website www.wdconline.org or the City's website www.waterburyct.org.

WDC will offer technical assistance workshops to agencies/individuals wishing to apply for CDBG/ESG funding on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. and Tuesday, March 23, 2010 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. 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.

Questions regarding the program may be addressed to Community Planning & Development Program Manager, Geoff Green at 203-346-2607, Ext. 109 or email: green@wdconline.org.

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