

**CITY OF AUBURN  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
PROGRAM PY 2016 ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT**

The City of Auburn receives an annual funding allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG) for community development projects. Projects that are eligible for the funding must primarily benefit low-to-moderate income persons, prevent or eliminate slum and blight, or meet other urgent community development needs relating to health and safety issues. The CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan and subsequent Annual Action Plans provide the framework for funding priority projects. However, a change in funding for a project that constitutes twenty-percent (20%) or more requires a substantial amendment.

This document is a substantial amendment that provides information on reprogrammed projects and activities that will be completed under the 2016- 2017 Annual Action Plan which was adopted by City Council on February 18, 2016. The proposed projects are supported by the goals within the 2015 Five-Year Consolidated Annual Action Plan.

City staff recommends reprogramming \$2,675,124.82 from past entitlement programs and Revolving Loan Accounts (RLF) to ensure compliance with HUD's recent procedural change in timeliness requirements as outlined in 24 CFR 570.902(a)(1)(i). In correlation with this Annual Action Plan Amendment the City of Auburn Office of Planning and Economic Development completed a Workout Plan that prioritizes projects and proposes a spending schedule to meet HUD's timeliness requirement. The Workout Plan was submitted to HUD for review on April 13, 2017.

A 30 day public comment period on the substantial amendment was initiated April 20, 2017 with a Public Hearing on May 11, 2017 at 6:00pm in the City of Auburn Council Chambers. The public comment period will conclude on May 19, 2017. Citizens may provide comments to the Office of Planning and Economic Development via email to [rjensen@auburnny.gov](mailto:rjensen@auburnny.gov) or in writing to:

City of Auburn  
Office of Planning and Economic Development  
Attn: CDBG  
24 South Street  
Auburn, NY 13021

To obtain a copy of the 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan and Five Year Consolidated Plan please visit the Office of Planning and Economic Development website at <http://www.auburnny.gov>. The Plans may also be obtained by visiting the Office of Planning and Economic Development between the hours of 8am and 4pm.

**Owasco River Greenway Trail****\$948,000.00**

The City of Auburn received \$1,322,000 dollars in funding from the NYS Department of Transportation enhancement program for the construction of the Owasco River Greenway Trail. The City of Auburn Community Development Block Grant Program is supporting trail construction with \$948,000. The Owasco River Greenway Trail has approved design and construction documents that will be going out for bid this spring and will be starting construction this summer.

Funding for the project consists of:

- \$330,000 current Entitlement funding
- \$324,396.95 in reprogrammed funds from RLF Home Repair
- \$266,430.04 in reprogrammed funds from RLF Small Business
- \$16,964.73 in reprogrammed funds from RLF Fort Hill
- \$10,208.28 in reprogrammed funds from RLF Special Development

**Project Schedule****Drawdown**

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| • BID documents release date in 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter (May 2017) | \$0       |
| • Award project by 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter (June 2017)             | \$0       |
| • Construction begin 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter (July 2017)           | \$316,000 |
| • Construction draws 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter (October 2017)        | \$316,000 |
| • Construction draw 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter (January 2018)         | \$316,000 |

**Home Repair Assistance Program-Rental Rehab****\$100,000.00**

Rental Rehab Program- Homsite Fund, Inc. (HFI)'s application to New York State's Office of Community Renewal (OCR) for NYS HOME Program funding was submitted in December 2016 and awarded on March 24, 2017. The City of Auburn Rental Rehab Program will allow HFI to assist building owners in the City of Auburn who rent to low-income households (below 60% AMI) to repair their rental units to mitigate NYS and local code violations and health and safety concern. Building owners will also make a financial contribution toward the repairs and agree to maintain the units for rent to low-income households at affordable rents (set by HUD) for the durations of the regulatory agreement (ranging from five to fifteen years). The City of Auburn is committed to improving the rental housing stock available to our lower income tenants and will contribute \$100,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds to help ensure that the full scope of the improvements needed on these projects can be realized. The matching funds from CDBG will be used as a \$5,000 grant to each unit and benefit 20 units.

Funding for this project consists of:

- \$100,000 in the Home Repair Assistance Program revolving loan fund.

**Project Schedule**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter (October- December 2017)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter (January 2018)

**Drawdown**

\$50,000  
\$50,000

**St. Francis Park Improvements****\$202,102.62**

The City of Auburn recently completed a Parks Master Plan. Recommendations from the Master Plan as well as community input during the public participation process were incorporated in a park design for St. Francis during PY2016. St Francis Park Improvements have been underway since 2015 with the installation of a new playground. Planned improvements for St. Francis Park are detailed below and include entrance columns, concrete pathway surrounding the playground, concrete benches, drinking fountain, new pavilion, 7 picnic tables, 3 grills, soccer field with amenities, walking path surrounding the perimeter for the park, bocce ball court, and landscaping.

Funding for this project consists of:

- \$9,345.00 in the 2014 CDBG parks budget (remaining entitlement funds in St. Francis Park budget. NOT reprogrammed funds).
- \$102,853.23 in reprogrammed Entitlement funds (Please see attached spreadsheet for details)
- \$89,904.39 in reprogrammed funds from RLF Fort Hill project.

**Project Schedule****Drawdown**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter RFP Park Plan \$0.00
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Phase I of Park Plan (July) \$100,000.00
  - Entrance columns, concrete pathway, concrete bench and drinking fountain
  - Pavilion, 7 picnic tables 3 grills
  - Two benches, two soccer goals and soccer field grading and seeding
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Phase II of Park Plan (Oct.) \$102,102.62
  - Walking path and benches
  - Bocce ball court
  - Landscape

**Distressed Property Program -Clearance/Demolition Projects****\$140,000.00**

The Office of Planning and Economic Development Staff worked closely with the Codes Department to identify 4 buildings that are not only a blight to their neighborhood but also a health and safety concern to community residents. The 4 buildings are located in Low to Moderate income Areas defined by 2010 ACS data. The identified properties with buildings identified for clearance and demolition are 120 Park Place, 144 Clark Street, 22 Lincoln Street, and 27 Holley Street.

Funding for this project consists of:

- \$16,131.94 in reprogrammed funds from 2012 Home Repair Program Delivery
- \$113,118.06 in reprogrammed funds from RLF Fort Hill
- \$10,750 in anticipated PY2017 Entitlement funding

**Project Schedule**

- 2017 Clearance Projects 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter (July-Sept.)

**Drawdown**

\$140,000

**Infrastructure Improvements**

**\$350,000.00**

Janet Street Sewer Line Replacement:

The current sewer main on Janet St is a 6" clay tile with heavy roots. The main continues to plug and is inadequate to support the neighborhood. The line is 300 feet long and will be replaced from Logan Street to Tuxill Square, a low to moderate income neighborhood and will be increased to an 8" line with a manhole installed on the end. There are 6 laterals that will need to be replaced as part of the project as well. Two corner properties will also be checked with dye to determine what sewer line they tie into to determine if their sewer laterals need to be replaced. All of the water services will also be replaced as part of this project. This will ensure that all services are new and in good working order for many years into the future.

Interceptor Rehab:

The interceptor rehab consists of rehabbing 8 manholes from Clymer Street through the woods to Chapman Ave. This area is located in a low to moderate income neighborhood. Trees will be removed and new drainage pipes installed to divert the water away from the manholes. The section of interceptor from Chapman St to Bailey St will be slip-lined.

Funding for this project consists of:

\$350,000 in reprogrammed funds from RLF Fort Hill

**Project Schedule**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter (July-Sept.)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter (Oct.-Dec.)

**Drawdowns**

\$150,000

\$200,000

**Clean-up of Contaminated Sites**

**\$1,070,000.00**

On March 22, 2017, the City of Auburn received approval from HUD Buffalo on the 2014 City's plan to spend Program Income funds which were identified in the 2013 Office of Inspector General's Audit Report. This plan outlined the use of the City's Revolving Loan Funds for the CDBG eligible use for the cleanup of contaminated sites. Two of the sites identified in the report, 1-7 State Street and 16 South Street, are included as part of this workout plan.

16 South Street is a Historic Landmark in the City of Auburn and has been vacant and underutilized for more than 20 years. The structure is plagued with asbestos containing material, which has hindered the

redevelopment of the theater. All work will be coordinated with State Historic Preservation Office under the Environmental Review Process that will be completed this spring.

Funding for 16 South Street consists of:

- \$191,439.38 in reprogrammed funds from RLF Fort Hill
- \$608,560.62 in reprogrammed funds from RLF Small Business

**Project Schedule**

**Drawdown**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Asbestos Survey & Abatement \$700,000.00
- 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Asbestos Abatement \$100,000.00

1-7 State Street is a vacant parcel located in the heart of the City's Downtown District. This property is also within the City's Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) and has been a part of the BOA Step II Nomination Redevelopment Plan. Community Input has recommended the parcel to be a public space.

Funding for 1-7 State Street consists of:

- \$270,000 in reprogrammed funds from RLF Small Business

**Project Schedule**

**Drawdown**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Environmental Investigation \$150,000.00
  - Secure Environmental Attorney
  - RFP for Investigation
  - Investigation
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Design \$120,000.00
  - Remediation
  - Community meetings
  - Design for redevelopment

**Casey Park Playground – ADA accessible**

**\$250,000.00**

Casey Park Improvements will consist of engaging the community for playground design, design, layout, and budget of an ADA accessible playground, and purchasing and installing the equipment.

Funding for Casey Park Playground consists of:

- \$215,117.20 in reprogrammed funds from RLF Special Development
- \$34,882.80 in anticipated PY2017 Entitlement funds

<b>Schedule</b>	<b>Drawdown</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter (July-Sept.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Secure firm for playground design</li> <li>- Engage community</li> <li>- Complete design and layout</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	\$125,000.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter (Oct.-Dec.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Purchase and install play equipment</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	\$125,000.00

### **Closing Statement**

The 2016-2017 proposed Annual Action Plan Amendment has reprogrammed funding from past projects and RLF accounts into community driven priority projects that will create safe and aesthetically pleasing neighborhoods. The City is cognizant of its need to comply with the timeliness standard set by HUD and will, to the best of our ability, meet the timeliness test on February 1, 2018.

Please find attached the budget for the proposed 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan Amendment.

For more information or to submit comments on the 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan proposed amendment please contact:



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## City of Auburn: Community Development Block Grant Program

### PY2016 Action Plan Amendments

The purpose of this amendment is to provide the public with notice of the proposed change. Approval for this change is anticipated to be obtained as a component of the approval of the 2016 Annual Action Plan. The following summarizes the changes necessary to make the funds available:

Account #	Title	Amount	To IDIS Project #	To Project	Comments
CD8671.2200.2012	2012 Home Repair Program Delivery	\$16,131.94	N/A	Distressed Property Program	
CD8671.2200.2011	2011 Home Repair Program Delivery	\$2,502.00	NA	St. Francis Park	
CD8671.2200.2014	2014 Home Repair Program Delivery	\$45,002.00	998	St. Francis Park	
CD8671.2200.2015	2015 Home Repair Program Delivery	\$28,002.62	998	St. Francis Park	
CD8683.4510.2010	Home Headquarters Foreclosure Prevention Program	\$878.20	998	St. Francis Park	
CD8684.5510.2015	2015 Childcare Solutions Grant	\$7,000.00	998	St. Francis Park	
CD8669.3010.2011	2011 Home Access Program	\$476.63	998	St. Francis Park	
CD8672.2210.2010	2010 Sidewalk Program	\$0.22	998	St. Francis Park	
CD8672.2210.2014	2014 Sidewalk Program	\$34.56	998	St. Francis Park	
CD8672.2210.2016	2016 Sidewalk Program	\$9,875.27	998	St. Francis Park	
CD8683.5610.2011	2011 Salvation Army Emergency Assistance	\$45.00	998	St. Francis Park	

CD8686.2330.2015	2015 Planning & Admin	\$5,244.13	998	St. Francis Park
CD8676.2260.2012	ED Program Delivery	\$3,792.60	998	St. Francis Park
CD8691.0013.0013	RLF Fort Hill	\$89,904.39	998	St. Francis Park
CD8691.0013.0013	RLF Fort Hill	\$113,118.06	N/A	Distressed Property Program
CD8691.0004.0004	RLF Home Repair	\$100,000.00	N/A	Rental Rehab
CD8691.0013.0013	RLF Fort Hill	\$350,000.00	N/A	Sewer Line Repairs
CD8691.0013.0013	RLF Fort Hill	\$191,439.38	N/A	16 South Street Abatement
CD8691.0003.0003	RLF Small Business	\$608,560.62	N/A	16 South Street Abatement
CD8691.0003.0003	RLF Small Business	\$270,000.00	N/A	1-7 State Street
CD8691.0003.0003	RLF Small Business	\$266,430.04	N/A	Owasco River Greenway Trail
CD8691.0004.0004	RLF Home Repair	\$324,396.95	N/A	Owasco River Greenway Trail
CD8691.0013.0013	RLF Fort Hill	\$16,964.73	NA	Owasco River Greenway Trail
CD8691.0009.0009	RLF Special Development	\$10,208.28		Owasco River Greenway Trail
CD8691.0009.0009	RLF Special Development	\$215,117.20	N/A	Casey Park Playground
	Total Amount:	\$2,675,124.82		