

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

As an entitlement community, the City of Aurora, Illinois receives funding through the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. In accordance with the City of Aurora's Citizen Participation Plan and the requirements of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), a public hearing is being held at 5:00 p.m. on November 7, 2016 at City Hall, 44 E. Downer Place, Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the City of Aurora Annual Action Plan 2017 and proposed funding recommendations of the Block Grant Working Committee as outlined below.

Please be advised that effective October 23, 2016, the City of Aurora Annual Action Plan 2017 will be available for review and public comments at the following locations: City of Aurora-Neighborhood Redevelopment, 51 E. Galena Blvd, Aurora, IL; Library-Main, 101 S. River St., Aurora, IL; Library-Eola, 555 S. Eola Rd., Aurora, IL; Library-West, 233 S. Constitution Dr., Aurora, IL; and on the City of Aurora website: www.aurora-il.org.

Upon advance request, the City will provide for Interpretation or translation services to meet the needs of non-English speaking residents. The City will also take whatever actions are appropriate to serve the needs of persons with disabilities. For more information, to make special arrangements, or to provide comments, contact Amy Munro, Neighborhood Redevelopment Division, 51 E. Galena Blvd, (630) 266-3320 or DNR@aurora-il.org. Comments are being accepted no later than November 22, 2016. The City of Aurora Annual Action Plan 2017 is scheduled for review and adoption at the City Council's November 22, 2016 meeting at 6:00 p.m., Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 44 E. Downer Place, Aurora, IL 60505.

Anticipated CDBG Allocation: \$1,322,542  
Anticipated HOME Allocation: \$ 450,124

**Contingency Statement:**

If the total grant received by the City of Aurora is less than the funds allocated to activities, then each activity's budget will be reduced in the same proportion as the percentage difference between the estimated total grant and the actual total grant. If the total grant received by the City of Aurora is more than the funds allocated to activities, then the budget for all goals and objectives will be raised proportionately, and the City's Block Grant Advisory Committee shall entertain proposals to spend the funds either on projects that were proposed, but not funded, in the previous competitive round; on new proposals as presented by City Staff; or to increase funding for existing programs/projects where the additional funds are judged to have the most impact. Some excess funds will be designated, consistent with the regulatory framework of the programs, for program administration. For example, the City has reserved 20% of the City's estimated CDBG allocation and 10% of the City's estimated HOME allocation for program administration consistent with federal regulations.

I. PUBLIC SERVICES	Community Development Block Grant	2017 Recommendation
Breaking Free	Homeless Substance Abuse Treatment Services	\$20,000
Family Focus, Inc.	Early Childhood Services	\$30,000
Marie Wilkinson Child Development Center	Marie Wilkinson Child Development Daycare Service	\$25,000
Mutual Ground	Domestic Violence Shelter Program	\$40,156
Prairie State Legal Services	Aurora Housing Advocacy Legal Services Project	\$5,000
Public Action to Deliver Shelter, Inc.	PADS' SEEDS Case Management Program	\$25,000
Quad County Urban League, Inc.	Employment Assistance and Referral Program (EAR)	\$20,000
Senior Services Associates, Inc.	Community Connection Center	\$13,000
Simply Destinee	Simply Destinee After School & Summer Program 2017	\$7,000
<b>PUBLIC SERVICES TOTAL (Cannot exceed 15% of CDBG Allocation)</b>		<b>\$185,156</b>
II. PROJECTS	Community Development Block Grant	2017 Recommendation
City of Aurora	Choose Aurora	\$50,000
City of Aurora	Street Resurfacing Program	\$400,000
Fox Valley Habitat for Humanity	Building Futures Initiative 2017	\$50,000
Jennings Terrace, Inc.	Flooring Improvements for 16 Nursing Patient Rooms (Phase 3B)	\$16,000
Joseph Corporation of Illinois	Safety First Program	\$216,285
Public Action to Deliver Shelter, Inc.	Grease Trap Project	\$10,593
Rebuilding Together Aurora	Safe at Home	\$130,000
<b>PROJECTS TOTAL</b>		<b>\$872,878</b>
III. ADMINISTRATION	Community Development Block Grant	2017 Allocation
<b>ADMINISTRATION TOTAL (Cannot exceed 20% of CDBG Allocation)</b>		<b>\$264,508</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,322,542</b>

I. PROJECTS/ADMINISTRATION	HOME Investment Partnership Act	2017 Allocation
Direct Housing Project Allocations		\$ 337,593
Community Housing Development Organization Set-Aside (Cannot exceed 15% of HOME allocation)		\$ 67,519
Administration (Cannot exceed 10% of HOME allocation)		\$ 45,012
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 450,124</b>

Special Note: Per 24 CFR 570.200(h), "Reimbursement for Pre-award Costs", under certain conditions, the City and its subrecipients may incur costs prior to the effective date of the City's grant agreement with HUD. Pre-award costs may not exceed 25% of grant amount or \$300,000, whichever is greater. To provide the required public disclosure of the City's intent to use unobligated carry forward funds as necessary for such 2017 pre-award costs, the regulatory provisions for incurring pre-award costs under 24 CFR 570.200(h)(1) will be discussed at the public hearing. This may include using unobligated front funding for public service, program administration, neighborhood revitalization/infrastructure, and housing activities.

*For Jack Frost*

Joshua Paliz, Victor Velazquez

**2016 Miss Merry Christmas and Jack Frost OFFICIAL BALLOT**

Mail or hand deliver this ballot by 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 4. Watch for additional ballots in The Beacon-News from Oct. 24 thru Nov. 2. Original, official ballots only. No photocopied or faxed ballots will be counted.

FOR MISS MERRY CHRISTMAS:

FOR JACK FROST:

Mail or deliver to:  
Special Events, 5 E. Downer Place, Suite A, Aurora, IL 60505, or  
Customer Service Center, 3770 McCoy Drive, Aurora, IL 60504

**Deadline for entries is  
5 p.m. Friday, November 4**

**AURORA ILLINOIS**  
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