

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 December 18, 2017 at City Hall, 44 E. Downer Place, Council Chambers, 2nd Floor to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the City of Aurora Annual Action Plan 2018 and proposed funding recommendations of the Block Grant Working Committee as outlined below.

Please be advised that effective December 11, 2017, the City of Aurora Annual Action Plan 2018 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 the Neighborhood Redevelopment Division, 51 E. Galena Blvd, (630) 256-3320 or DNR@aurora-il.org.

Comments are being accepted no later than January 9, 2018. The City of Aurora Annual Action Plan 2018 is scheduled for review and adoption at the City Council's January 9, 2018 meeting at 6:00 p.m., Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 44 E. Downer Place, Aurora, IL 60505.

Anticipated CDBG Allocation: \$1,362,527

Anticipated HOME Allocation: \$467,620

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.

Community Development Block Grant Program

I. PUBLIC SERVICES		2018 Recommendation
Breaking Free, Inc.	Homeless Substance Abuse Treatment Services	\$25,000
Family Focus	Early Childhood Services	\$25,000
Mutual Ground	Domestic Violence Shelter Program	\$50,000
National Latino Education Institute	NLEI's Community Employment Services	\$20,000
Prairie State Legal	Aurora Housing Advocacy Legal Services Project	\$12,500
Public Action Deliver Shelter, Inc. DBA Hesed House	PADS' SEEDS Case Management Program	\$25,000
Senior Services Associates Inc.	Community Connection Center	\$30,000
VNA Healthcare	Healthy Smiles ~ Healthy Child	\$16,879
PUBLIC SERVICES TOTAL <i>(Cannot exceed 15% of CDBG Allocation)</i>		\$204,379
II. PROJECTS		2018 Recommendation
City of Aurora Engineering Division	Street Resurfacing Program	\$400,000
City of Aurora Neighborhood Redevelopment Division	Choose Aurora Down Payment Assistance	\$50,000
Mutual Ground	Domestic Violence Shelter Program	\$145,000
Public Action Deliver Shelter, Inc. DBA Hesed House	680 S. River Street Roof Replacement	\$150,000
Rebuilding Together Aurora, Inc.	Safe at Home	\$133,719
Unallocated	To be determined	\$6,924
PROJECTS TOTAL		\$885,643
III. ADMINISTRATION <i>(Cannot exceed 20% of CDBG Allocation)</i>		\$272,505
GRAND TOTAL		\$1,362,527

HOME Investment Partnerships Program Grant

I. PROJECTS		2018 Recommendation
	Direct Housing Project Allocations	\$350,715
Community Housing Development Organization Set-Aside <i>(Must be at least 15% of HOME allocation)</i>		\$70,143
PROJECTS TOTAL		\$420,858
II. ADMINISTRATION <i>(Cannot exceed 10% of HOME allocation)</i>		\$46,762
GRAND TOTAL		\$467,620

The public is hereby notified that under certain conditions, the City and/or its subrecipients may incur costs associated with the CDBG activities identified above and described in the city's 2018 Annual Action Plan prior to the effective date of its grant agreement with HUD. The total amount of any pre-award costs incurred will not exceed \$300,000 or 25% of the amount of the City's anticipated 2018 CDBG allocation. Costs related to the HOME program may not exceed 25% of the City's current program amount. Citizens are advised that such pre-award costs will have no effect on future grants, and will be in compliance with the regulations that govern the HOME and CDBG Programs as stated at 24 CFR 92 and 24 CFR Part 570, respectively as well as the Environmental Review Procedures stated in 24 CFR Part 58. To provide the required public disclosure of the City's intent to use unobligated carry forward funds as necessary for such 2018 pre-award costs, the regulatory provisions for incurring pre-award costs will be discussed at the public hearing. This may include using unobligated front funding for CDBG public service, program administration, neighborhood revitalization/infrastructure, and housing activity costs and HOME administration and project costs. Questions should be directed to the Neighborhood Redevelopment Division at the aforementioned phone number.