

NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROJECT FUNDING CITY OF TROY CONSOLIDATED PLAN 2009-2010 PROGRAM YEAR AND NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

Notice of proposed project funding City of Troy Consolidated Plan 2009-2010 program year and notice of 30-Day public comment period and notice of City Council public hearing.

Notice is hereby given that the City of Troy, New York proposes to fund the following projects in its One Year Action Plan (OYAP) for the 2009-2010 Consolidated Planning program year that begins on July 1, 2009. Consolidated Planning funding includes Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funding, and HOME Program funding. The Troy City Council will approve the final spending plan at its regular Council meeting on **Thursday May 7, 2009**.

In addition, the Troy City Council will conduct a public hearing on **Thursday, April 16, 2009 at 6:00 PM** in the City Council Chambers (2nd floor, Troy City Hall) to receive public comments regarding the proposed spending plan. This public hearing will be held during the statutory 30-day public comment period that begins on Monday, **April 6, 2009** and ends on **Tuesday, May 5, 2009**. All residents, property owners, and other stakeholders of the City of Troy are invited to attend the public hearing and/or submit written comments or questions regarding the draft One Year Action Plan to the Department of Housing & Community Development located at City Hall, One Monument Square, Troy, NY 12180.

A copy of the updated Five Year Strategic Plan of the Consolidated Plan as well as all of the applications submitted for 2009-2010 Consolidated Planning funding are available for public review weekdays between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM at the offices of the Department of Housing and Community Development in Troy City Hall.

Funding is proposed for the following projects:

Administration (CDBG): \$ 485,000

CDBG Administration (Troy Housing Department, \$ 370,000): Perform the administrative requirements of the CDBG program as requested by the City of Troy and by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (USHUD).

CDBG Program Delivery (Troy Housing Department, \$75,000): Staff Salaries and benefit costs to implement CDBG funded programs, including Housing rehabilitation program, city funded neighborhood projects.

Homelessness Planning and Assistance Services (Corporation for AIDS Research, Education and Services, Inc. (CARES), \$ 10,000): Update and maintenance of the Homeless Management Information Services System (HMIS) database required by USDHUD.

Improving Code Enforcement's Information & GIS Systems (Troy Housing Department & Bureau of Code Enforcement, \$30,000): Purchase of new software and program licenses and related handheld computers.

Section 108 Repayment (CDBG): \$ 248,250

Section 108 Loan Repayment (Vulcan Properties, \$ 248,250): Annual payment of loan incurred for the rehabilitation of 270-274 River Street; River Triangle Building.

Neighborhood Livability (CDBG): \$ 850,000

Code Enforcement (Troy Code Enforcement Department, \$ 300,000): Conduct code inspections and related work in low/moderate income areas. Conduct housing code inspections for city funded housing programs; Homebuyer Incentive Program, Homeowners Code Compliance Grant Program.

Neighborhood Improvement Through Code Enforcement Program, (NICE Program) (Troy Code Enforcement Department, \$50,000): Staff costs to provide zero tolerance code inspections in targeted neighborhoods.

Street Improvements (Street Paving) (Troy Engineering/Public Works, \$400,000): All of the projects to be paved are within the CDBG eligible census tract areas. The Department of Public Utilities will adjust, rebuild, or install all drainage structures and water valves as required. The Department of Public Works will perform any required reconstruction of the existing roadway, repair or install curbing and sidewalks as needed, and place a 2 inch asphalt overlay. Any street trees that represent a possible public hazard will be removed and new street trees may be planted where possible. The Bureau of Traffic will install all pavement markings, striping, and crosswalks where required. Deficient drainage areas will be reconstructed to provide a positive drainage flow and minimize localized flooding of low to moderate-income properties.

Vacant Building Demolition (Troy Engineering / Public Works Department, \$100,000): Demolition of unsalvageable vacant city-owned buildings in low/moderate income census tract areas.

Decent Housing (CDBG): \$ 200,000

Homeowner Housing & Energy Improvement Program (Housing Department, \$ 200,000): Disburse grants to assist low/moderate income homeowners throughout Troy to correct their residential code deficiencies or energy Improvements projects.

Economic Opportunity (CDBG): \$175,000

50/50 Matching Grant Commercial Façade Program (Planning Department, \$75,000): The 50/50 Commercial Building Exterior Rehabilitation Program provides financial assistance to business property owners to stabilize buildings, improve the exterior of buildings make code compliance improvements. This is a matching grant program up to \$10,000.

Quadricentennial Park (Troy Planning Department, \$100,000): The City of Troy proposes to create a public boat launch, river docks, fishing pier, and public park with amenities at the site formerly know as Jack's Junk Yard located on President's Street North Central Troy.

Public Service (CDBG): \$77,000

After-School Child Care Scholarships (Troy Youth Association, \$15,000): Partial financial assistance for children ages 5-12 to enroll in a child care program operating on full weekdays from July-August, and weekday afternoons from September-June, thereby assisting their low/moderate income parents to be employed / enrolled in school for the full workday.

School Age Child Care Program Scholarship Fund (Lansingburgh Boys & Girls Club \$14,000): This program will provide scholarships for 30 children whose families are unable to meet the required weekly fees for this service. The program will provide educational, social, nutritional and recreational activities to elementary school age children 12 months a year.

Day Care for Working Poor Families (Catholic Charities Sunnyside Child Development Center, \$15,000): This project will provide subsidized quality daycare for children from working poor families while parents are at work. The daycare program will provide a child's daily needs including outdoor and indoor play, meals and nap. The program will benefit 20 households of low income families.

Employment and Training for Victims of Domestic Violence (Unity House of Troy, \$15,000): Services to help former domestic violence victims achieve financial independence so that they do not have to depend on abusive partners. The program provides educational tuition grant assistance for specialized job training and career placement.

Troy Patriot Building Fund (Troy Patriots Pop Warner, \$8,000): The Troy Patriots propose to construct a multi purpose facility for the Pop Warner organization. The new structure will be used to facilitate the Pop Warner program for special events, annual registration, meeting room, storage facility, and other organizational needs.

ARTS Access Scholarship Program (The Arts Center of the Capital Region, \$10,000): The ARTS Access Scholarship Program will provide scholarship funds to school-aged children from LMI families in Troy. Children will attend structured full day summer and school vacation camp sessions that focus on a wide range of creative art activities designed to enhance problem solving and communication skills.

Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG): \$ 91,023

YWCA Women In Transition (WIT) Program (Young Women's Christian Association of Troy-Cohoes, \$ 20,000): Transitional housing, with support services such as counseling and job training, for destitute unmarried women with or without children.

Emergency Shelter Operations (Joseph's House, \$20,000): This project will assist in covering the operating costs of emergency shelter. Each year Joseph's House provides emergency shelter to 450 local men, women and children.

Salvation Army Homelessness Prevention and Intervention Program (Salvation Army, \$10,000): This program will provide essential services to homeless clients including, housing assistance, groceries, meals, and clothing. The program will also provide

employment training and assistance including, job skills training, resume preparation, job search assistance.

Unity House Domestic Violence Services (Unity House of Troy, \$20,000): This project will assist in covering the operating costs of emergency shelter and support services.

TAUM Furniture Program (Troy Area United Ministries, \$10,000): Provides free furniture to households obtaining permanent housing after homelessness.

Bridges Program – Minding the Gap (St. Paul's Center, Inc., \$11,000): The Saint Paul's Center Bridges Program will provide financial aid to women and their children who have located in Troy but are having trouble bridging the gap between their resources and the cost of housing. Assistance will include security deposits, short term rent assistance, and utility payments.

Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME): \$ 689,925

(Annual 40% + \$100,000 in 2009 HOME Funding from Schenectady)

CHDO Set-Aside Project (City of Troy and Troy Housing Development Corporation, \$356,000): Troy Housing Development Corporation, CHDO will perform new construction projects on city owned property that will be sold to low and moderate income persons either in the Troy Housing Authority's Self-Sufficiency program or the City's Homebuyer Incentive Program.

HOME Administration Costs (City of Troy, Troy Housing Authority, \$63,925): Perform the administrative requirements of the HOME program as requested by the City of Troy and by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (USHUD).

Troy Homes Project Phase III (Troy Housing and Community Development Department, \$170,000):

Construction of new single-family residential modular homes for low/moderate income homebuyers.

Homeowners Incentive Program (Troy Planning Department, \$ 100,000): Grants for down payments, closing costs, and mortgage reductions for low/moderate income homebuyers.

American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI): \$4,406

Homeowners Incentive Program (Troy Planning Department, \$ 4,406): Grants for down payments, closing costs, and mortgage reductions for low/moderate income homebuyers.

All Troy residents and taxpayers, as well as neighborhood organizations, businesses, and other stakeholders in Troy are invited to review this spending plan and to comment on it in writing, until 4:30 PM on Tuesday, May 5 2009, and to attend and speak at the City Council's 2009-2010 public hearing, which will be held on April 16, 2009 at 6:00 PM. After receipt of public comments during the 30-day review period and at the public hearing, the City Council will approve a final One Year Action Plan of funding at its regular meeting at 7:00 PM on Thursday, May 7, 2009. Thereafter, the City of Troy will submit its formal application for funding to HUD by May 15, 2009.