

**CHEEKTOWAGA CDBG FUNDING
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
PUBLIC HEARING NUMBER 1**

October 10, 2017

On an annual basis the Town receives an allocation of grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In prior years the Town was awarded:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
CDBG funds	\$910,260	\$ 905,897	\$ 916,326
HOME funds	<u>191,983</u>	<u>210,166</u>	<u>193,030</u>
Total HUD Funding	1,102,243	1,116,063	1,109,356
Program Income - CDBG	285,000	275,000	275,000
Program Income – CDBG/CEDC	140,000	250,000	275,000
Program Income - HOME	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>27,000</u>
	<u>445,000</u>	<u>545,000</u>	<u>577,000</u>
Total Federal Funds	1,547,243	1,661,063	1,686,356
NYS grant funds	0	0	450,000
NSP Grant funds	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>\$1,547,243</u>	<u>\$1,661,063</u>	<u>\$2,136,356</u>

- All activities funded with CDBG and HOME funds must be reviewed for compliance with applicable Federal and HUD regulations.
- CDBG and HOME funds must be primarily used to benefit residents who are low-moderate income who reside in the Town and Villages of Sloan and Depew (west of Transit Road).
- Program income from the Cheektowaga Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) is reserved for job creation loans to assist businesses moving into, or expanding business and jobs in Cheektowaga.
- Under an agreement with the Villages of Sloan and Depew, the Town receives and administers CDBG grant funds on their behalf and approximately **\$137,500** of the amount detailed above is destined for Village projects based on population percentages.
- Assistance was directed to both specific low-moderate income areas of the Town and on a Town-wide basis. Amendments were also made in 2017 to address a HUD timeliness requirement. HUD approved a plan for additional Capital Improvement projects and increased expenditures for a new Senior Van and increased Police Foot Patrols. HUD funds are extremely beneficial to the Town to accomplish needed projects that would otherwise have to be funded by the Town.

CON PLAN NEEDS

Every 5 years the Town undergoes a 5-year planning process to identify the needs of low-moderate income residents. In consultation with community groups, local non-profit groups and regional entities, the Town reviewed available resources. Based on all analyses conducted, a series of goals were developed which form the framework for the use of HUD funding. These goals form the basis for the programs funded in the 5 years of the Con plan and include:

1. Using statistical data and community comments, the Town determined that affordable, sustainable HOUSING was a priority need. The Town, as a mature first-ring suburb of the City of Buffalo, faces a challenge in ensuring the stability and viability of its neighborhoods and in maintaining the quality of its housing stock. In that context, the Town's main goal in its use of funds was the preservation and improvement of our housing stock and our neighborhoods which lead to development of Single-family owner-occupied moderate rehab program.
2. Rehabilitation of Multi-family (1-4 family), owner-occupied residences
3. Emergency funding for failure of furnaces, electrical systems, plumbing/sewer, debilitated roofing, and structural deficiencies which threaten the life and safety of the occupants.
4. Weatherization for residences
5. With the emphasis on the elimination of inflow and infiltration because of the Town's consent order with the DEC, a Sump-Pump grant was added.
6. Providing assistance to disabled persons led to a program to provide ramps for disabled homeowners.
 - a. During the past fiscal year the Town has expended **\$699,069** on **35** Single and Multi-family rehabs that may have included any of the above programs during that year.
7. Assistance to two first-time home buyers enabled them to afford the purchase of a residence in town.
8. Enhanced Code enforcement activities were also deemed a high priority.
9. Activities that contribute to achieving our Housing goals, such as housing counseling were also included. **\$11,000** was provided for this activity.
10. Due to the number of abandoned homes in the Town, the Acquisition/Rehab/New Construction/Resale Program, utilizing HUD HOME Investment Partnership funds, continues to be a high priority.

- a. With the assistance of its Community Housing Development Organization partner, Matt Urban Center, (MUC), 4 homes were acquired and are being rehabbed for resale: 18 Stratford, 13 McParlin, 32 Lyman, 112 Hoerner Avenue.
- b. 18 Stratford Pl. has been sold to an income qualified family. The town is working with BENLIC to acquire vacant parcels on Hoerner Avenue and Gardenvale Drive for the construction of new homes in 2018 and resale to income qualified FTHB families.
- c. Two new homes were constructed with MUC at 18 & 20 Randolph Avenue and are in the process of being sold to income qualified First-time Homebuyers.

11. Improvements to Public Facilities and Infrastructure per

- a. Road, sewer and sidewalk replacements were installed in both the East Delevan and Clinton St. Neighborhoods totaling to **\$803,834**.
- b. Sanitary sewer and manhole replacements in the Cedargrove Neighborhood are budgeted for **\$165,000** (in process) along with road resurfacing for **\$83,676**.
- c. Road improvements on Greenleaf Lane and Ridge Park Ave are budgeted for **\$450,000**.

12. Based on continuing public demand for services we continued our Summer Day Camp assistance for low-mod children.

- a. **38** children were provided tuition assistance at a cost of **\$30,684**.

13. Services for seniors and senior transportation are established as goals to assist senior citizens with a better standard of living.

- a. A senior counselor works with seniors and **\$9,000** was provided towards the part-timer's salary.
- b. Funds are being provided in 2017 for the acquisition of an additional van for the senior center.

14. Services for victims of domestic violence were identified as a goal. Although these service were not provided, we will look to assist in providing this service in the coming year.

15. Public services such as youth services, food pantries jobs, and crime were seen as priority needs.

- a. Police activities in low-mod income areas, were assigned a high priority and will be part of our community development block grant activities. **\$33,000** was spent on this activity in 2016 and increased to **\$50,000** in 2017.
- b. Partner with the Cheektowaga Steering Committee - Community Resource HUB which provides vital services to the community.

16. The Villages of Depew and Sloan identified replacing public infrastructure projects as high needs.

- a. Depew completed a new sidewalk and replacement sidewalk project for **\$104,400**.
- b. Village of Sloan completed a sewer replacement project for **\$95,989**.

17. Job creation and retention activities, technical assistance to businesses and microenterprise assistance were identified as priority needs. The CEDC has issued a loan for **\$500,000** in 2017 creating 15 full time jobs made available to low-mod income

PROPOSED ADDITIONS FOR 2018 FUNDING

1. Public Facility Need – Handicap accessibility improvements to Alexander Community Center (installation of an elevator).
2. Senior Housing – Construction funding assistance for new senior apartments.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-HOUSING NEEDS

Based on the above, the Town will be publishing a draft Annual Action Plan on the Town's web site and at libraries and Town Clerk's office on December 8, 2017. It will be available for a 30-day comment period after which citizen comments will be incorporated prior to submission to HUD.

2016 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE & EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER)

*The following report of information is available to review in the Town Clerk's and Community Development Offices as well as the Town's Website and the Town Libraries.

REHABILITATION OF EXISTING LOW INCOME OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING

FY 2016 Goal: 28 units rehabilitated
Accomplishment: 34 units rehabilitated
Total Funds Expended: \$388,478
10.3% of this was spent in Villages of Sloan and Depew

REHABILITATE EXISTING RENTER-OCCUPIED LOW-INCOME HOUSING UNITS

FY 2016 Goal: 2 units
Accomplishment: 7 units completed
Funds Expended: \$103,385 on completed units

WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO ASSIST BOTH LOW-INCOME HOMEOWNERS AND RENTERS

Weatherization of existing low income owner-occupied and rental housing in collaborations with the WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM funded by the Department of Energy and administered through the New York State Department of State.

FY 2016 Goal: 30 units
Accomplishment: 45 units
CDBG Funds Expended: \$53,487

ACQUISITION, SUBSTANTIAL REHABILITATION OF SUBSTANDARD, VACANT FORECLOSED OR FOR-SALE HOUSING

Activity: Acquisition and rehabilitation, reconstruction or new construction of substandard, vacant foreclosed or for-sale housing for resale to low-to-moderate income homebuyers directly by the Town or through a CHDO or not-for-profit organization.

FY 2016 Goal: 0 units (4 units over a five-year period)
Accomplishment: 2 in process, 1 completed
HOME Funds Expended: \$102,501

**PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO FIRST-TIME LOW-TO-MODERATE INCOME
HOMEBUYERS**

FY 2016 Goal: 2 units
Accomplishments: 2 units
HOME Funds Expended: \$14,854

DISPOSITION

Costs (includes NSP adjustments) \$26,872

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Sloan Equipment \$36,106

FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

Sloan Drainage/Sewer Improvements \$19,384
Depew Seniors/Sewer Improvements \$76,972

PROGRAM DELIVERY **\$385,520**

Salaries (Full & PT) & Fringe Benefits
Lead testing
Engineering
Asbestos testing
Environmental Hazard Testing 6,918

PUBLIC SERVICES **\$145,899**

Senior Services \$79,276
Summer Day Camp \$28,482
Police Foot Patrols \$33,000
Housing Counseling \$5,141

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development business loans \$0

ADMINISTRATION/PLANNING **\$281,911**

Admin & Planning Costs \$288,876
Annual Audit fee \$4,100
Software annual maintenance \$1,465
Copy machine rental \$2,865
Admin Costs CEDC \$20,050