



PUBLIC NOTICE

- 1. AMENDMENT TO THE 2014-2018 CONSOLIDATED (5 Year) PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM**
- 2. PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR THE 2017 CDBG PROGRAM YEAR**

The Rome City Commission is contemplating an amendment to the Statement of Objectives for its five-year Consolidated Plan that cover the years of 2014-2018, and the Statement of Specific Annual Objectives for the 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program. The Annual Statement will become part of the Program Year 2017 Annual Action Plan and is presented in summary form below to describe how the City will use these funds for specific objectives meant to address priority needs as described in the five-year Consolidated Plan. The 2017 Annual Action Plan and amended 2014-2018 Consolidated Plan will be delivered to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on or before November 15, 2016.

Prior to delivering these plans to HUD, the City will provide them for public review and comment for a period of thirty (30) days. They are available online at the City's website <http://www.romefloyd.com/departments/community-development>, and at the Community Development Department offices, Carnegie Building, 607 Broad Street, Rome, Georgia, 30161. Copies of the plans can be prepared for those interested in receiving them by calling (706) 236-4477 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Comments concerning the plans will be received until close of business November 1, 2016. All comments will be reviewed and addressed prior to submittal to HUD.

Community Development Department staff will conduct a **public hearing on Tuesday, October 11th at 4:30 PM** in the **Carnegie Building Training Room, 607 Broad Street**, Rome, GA 30161 to answer questions concerning the proposed 2017 Action Plan budget and 2014-2018 Consolidated Plan amendment. The public is invited to attend this hearing and to become informed of the proposed projects. Persons with special needs relating to disability access, vision impairment and or language barriers should contact Bekki Fox (706-236-4477) prior to the meeting day. The hearing impaired may use the Georgia Relay Service at 1-800-255-0056.

City of Rome Community Development Block Grant 2014-2018 Consolidated Plan AMENDMENT

The City of Rome is considering adding a new activity to its five year consolidated plan for slum and blight removal for program years 2017 and 2018. The demolition program has been designed to use CDBG funds as a means of last resort to remove dilapidated structures in order to eliminate specific conditions of blight or physical decay within the City of Rome.

CDBG funded activities must meet one of three National Objectives, which are:

1. Benefit to low and moderate income persons.
2. Addressing of slum or blight.
3. Meeting a particular urgent need that cannot be addressed by other means.

The demolition program would meet the slum/blight National Objective.

City of Rome Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan For the 2017 HUD Entitlement Grant

The City of Rome is scheduled to receive approximately \$394,853 from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as its Entitlement funding allocation for Program Year 2017 under the Community Development Block Grant Program. This will be the total amount of formula funding available from the CDBG grant and program income for Program Year 2017. If funding is increased or decreased by HUD prior to grant award the City will increase or decrease the budget for one of the approved eligible activities.

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The following activities will meet or exceed the requirement that 70% of overall program funds must benefit low and moderate income persons, during a two-year period of 2017-2018.

Proposed activities and projects for Program Year 2017 are:

Housing Activities.....\$100,000

This activity will continue to address housing needs of the low-mod income elderly and/or disabled individuals. The funds will be used to continue a minor repair or similar program for homeowners. National Objective is benefit to low and moderate income persons.

City-wide sidewalk Program.....\$130,883

The City-wide sidewalk program will look to improve, rehab and/or replace sidewalks in the low income census tracts of Rome. This could also include the installation of new sidewalks in areas that need them along with curb cuts for handicap accessibility. The census tracts that will be targeted are 5, 6, 11, 16 and 21. The National Objective is to benefit low and moderate income persons.

Code Enforcement Activities\$50,000

These funds will be used to conduct concentrated code enforcement efforts within the low income census tracts of Rome. The targeted census tracts are 6, 16 and 21. The National Objective is to benefit low and moderate income persons.

Unsafe Structures Demolition Program.....\$35,000

These funds will be used as a means of last resort to remove dilapidated structures in order to eliminate specific conditions of blight or physical decay within the City of Rome. The National Objective is addressing of slum or blight.

Administration/Planning.....\$78,970

This activity will pay for portions of the costs of the Community Development Department in the oversight, management, monitoring and coordination of the activities shown above and planning for future redevelopment activities in low income areas.

Total Expenditures.....\$394,853

"PARA INFORMACION EN ESPAÑOL SOBRE EL PROGRAMA CDBG DE LA CIUDAD DE ROME, EL PRESUPUESTO DEL PLAN DE ACCION DE CDBG 2017 O LA PROXIMA AUDIENCIA PUBLICA POR FAVOR COMUNICARSE CON EL DEPARTAMENTO DE DESARROLLO COMUNITARIO AL (706) 236-4477."

For additional information, contact Bekki Fox, City of Rome Community Development Department at (706) 236-4477.

