



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Planned Activities for the 2016 CDBG Program Year

The Rome City Commission is contemplating the Statement of Specific Annual Objectives for the 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program. The Annual Statement will become part of the Program Year 2016 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 Annual Action Plan will be delivered to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on or before November 15, 2015 in order to access these funds by January 1, 2016.

Prior to delivering these plans to HUD, the City will provide them for public review and public comment for a period of thirty (30) days. They are available online at the City's website, [www.romefloyd.com](http://www.romefloyd.com) 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 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Comments concerning the plans will be received until close of business on November 6, 2015.

Community Development Department staff will conduct a **public hearing on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM** in the **Carnegie Building Training Room, 607 Broad Street, Rome, GA 30161** to answer questions concerning the proposed 2016 Action Plan budget. 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 (CDBG)**  
**Annual Action Plan**  
**For the 2016 HUD Entitlement Grant**

The City of Rome anticipates receiving approximately \$405,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as its Entitlement funding allocation for Program Year 2016 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 the program year 2016. An exact allocation will not be known until Congress has completed the appropriations process for HUD's FY 2016 and the City of Rome is formally notified by HUD of the amount. If funding is increased or decreased by HUD the City will proportionally increase or decrease the budgets for approved eligible activities.

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 following activities will meet or exceed the requirement that 70% of overall program funds must benefit low and moderate income persons during a three year period of 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Proposed activities and projects for Program Year 2016 are:

**Housing Activities.....\$105,000**

This activity will continue to address housing needs of the very low income and the elderly through housing rehabilitation. The funds will be used by the City of Rome to continue a minor repair or similar program for homeowners. The National Objective is to benefit low and moderate income persons.

**City-wide sidewalk Program.....\$170,000**

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.

**Administration.....\$80,000**

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.

**Total Expenditures.....\$405,000**

**“PARA INFORMACION EN ESPAÑOL SOBRE EL PROGRAMA CDBG DE LA CIUDAD DE ROME, EL PRESUPUESTO DEL PLAN DE ACCION DE CDBG 2016 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.

