

# **City of Easton**

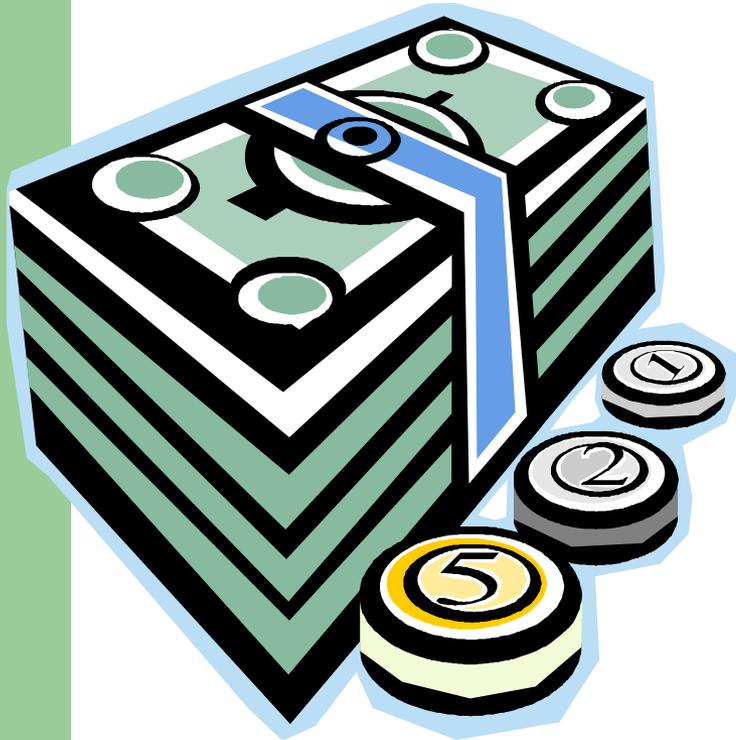
## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

HOUSING AND  
COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT NEEDS

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# FUNDING CYCLE 2014



- Federal Entitlement
- CDBG Allocation for FY 2014 is unknown. Expecting a 10% cut due to sequestration:

\$707,000

# Consolidated Plan

## Five Year Plan – 2010 to 2014

1. Rehabilitate existing housing
2. Expand homeownership
3. Support rehab of rental housing stock
4. Support EANC CTS Program to prevent homelessness
5. Support Safe Harbor Emergency Shelter by providing space
6. Provide supportive services – youth, homeownership, policing and self-sufficiency
7. Support efforts of NE RHAB to expand permanent supportive housing
8. Provide funds for public facilities and infrastructure improvements
9. Support economic development activities for business retention and development of jobs

## Annual Plan 2014

Describes actions to be undertaken to meet strategic plan goals  
Details budget for use of CDBG funds

# FUNDING PROPOSALS

- Proposals encouraged for “ELIGIBLE” and “FUNDABLE” activities
- Use City’s application format
- Proposals will be evaluated based on
  - \*Timeliness – ability to complete in one year
  - \*Eligibility and meeting a National Objective
  - \* Demonstration of need and community benefit

# **ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES**

*Some Examples Include:*

- ❑ **Housing Rehabilitation**
- ❑ **Homeownership Assistance**
- ❑ **Public Facilities and Improvements**
- ❑ **Blight Removal / Site Clearance**
- ❑ **Code Enforcement**
- ❑ **Economic Development**
- ❑ **Public Services**
- ❑ **Acquisition/Disposition of Real Property**

# **INeligible Activities**

*Some Examples Include:*



**NO** Political activities

**NO** Construction of housing units by a unit of local government

**NO** Operation and maintenance of public facilities/improvements

**NO** General government expenses including construction of general government buildings

**NO** Purchase of equipment

**NO** Direct income payments

# FUNDABLE ACTIVITIES

*Meeting National Objectives*

Each activity must meet one of the

**Three**  
**National**  
**Objectives**



**1. Benefit Low & Moderate Income Persons**



**2. Prevent or Eliminate Blight**



**3. Meet urgent needs when health and welfare are threatened**

# LOW & MODERATE INCOME BENEFIT

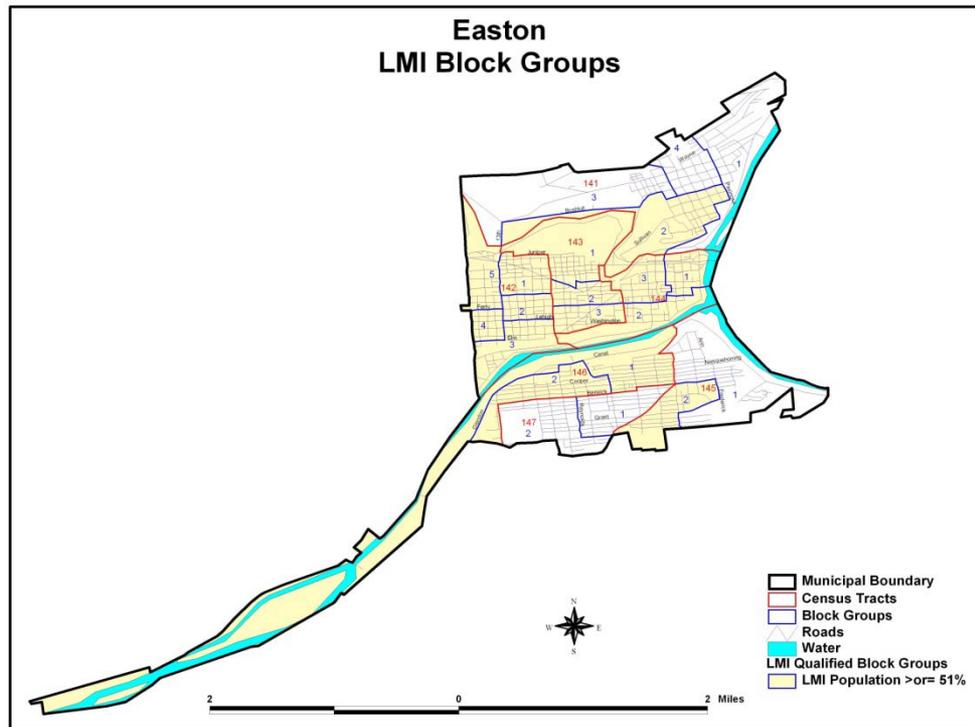
## *Types of Low/Mod Benefit*

### 1. Area Benefit

**Must serve a primarily residential geographic area which is at least 51% low/moderate income persons, or a survey of area resident's demonstrates that 51% or more are low/mod income**



# Low Mod Areas



# LOW & MODERATE INCOME BENEFIT

## *Types of Low/Mod Benefit*

### 2. Limited Clientele

#### Clientele presumed to be low/mod:

- ✓ *Abused children*
- ✓ *Battered spouses*
- ✓ *Elderly person*
- ✓ *Homeless persons*
- ✓ *Illiterate adults*
- ✓ *Migrant farm workers*
- ✓ *Adults meeting definition of "severely disabled"*
- ✓ *Persons living with AIDS*

**OR**

**Clientele document family income  $\leq$  80% of AMI**

**OR**

**Nature and location of the service predominantly used by low/mod income persons**

**OR**

**Eligibility requirements limit clientele to low/mod income persons**

**OR**

**Activity removes material or architectural barriers to accessibility of elderly persons or "severely disabled" adults**

# LOW & MODERATE INCOME BENEFIT

## *Types of Low/Mod Benefit*

### 3. Housing

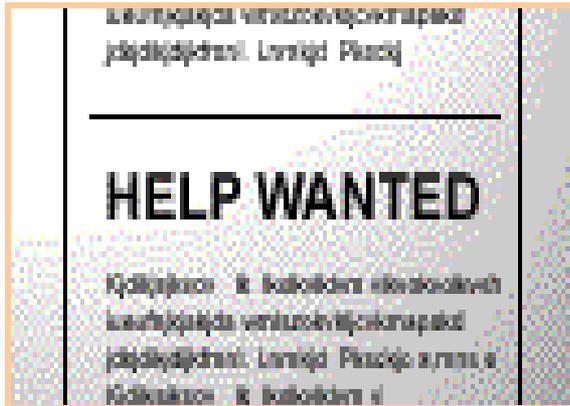


**Providing or improving permanent residential structures which, upon completion, will be occupied by low-and moderate-income households.**

# LOW & MODERATE INCOME BENEFIT

## *Types of Low/Mod Benefit*

### 4. Job Creation/Retention



**The activity must involve employment of persons, a majority of whom are of low and moderate income.**

# LOW & MODERATE INCOME BENEFIT

## *Definitions*

- ❑ Income – Section 8 low income limit established by HUD
  - Very Low Income – under 30% of Area Family Median Income
  - Low Income – 31% to 50% of AFMI
  - Moderate Income – 51% to 80% of AFMI
- ❑ Family – all persons living in the same household who are related by birth, marriage or adoption.

# **LOW & MODERATE INCOME BENEFIT**

**(2013 income limits – subject to change by HUD)**

<b>Family/Household Size</b>	<b>Low Income (80%)</b>	<b>Very Low Income (50%)</b>	<b>Extremely Low Income (30%)</b>
1 person	\$40,000	\$25,000	\$15,000
2 person	\$45,700	\$28,600	\$17,150
3 person	\$51,400	\$32,150	\$19,300
4 person	\$57,100	\$35,700	\$21,400
5 person	\$61,700	\$38,600	\$23,150
6 person	\$66,250	\$41,450	\$24,850
7 person	\$70,850	\$44,600	\$26,550
8 person	\$75,400	\$47,150	\$28,250

# ELIMINATION OF SLUM & BLIGHT

*Area Basis or Spot Basis?*

**Definition of slum and blight per state law (P.L. 991) or local law.**



# FAFTA – CCR and DUNS REMINDER

Transparency Act requirements:

All grantees must have a DUNS number

- A DUNS Number is a unique 9-digit code assigned by Dunn and Bradstreet to recognize organization - **866-705-5711**

All grantees must register in SAM Contractor Registration ([www.SAM.gov](http://www.SAM.gov))

# Project Requirements

ALL recipients of funds must:

1. Use competitive bidding for all contracts
2. Bid projects using federal Davis-Bacon wage rates
3. Identify MBE/WBE and Disadvantaged businesses to bid on project and provide information to GCs to encourage use of Subs.
4. City will review bid documents to ensure that all federal requirements are included.
5. City will monitor wage rates during construction
6. Recipient will make payments to contractors and vendors and be reimbursed by City. Reimbursements must be requested within 30 days of completion of project.

# SCHEDULE FOR 2014 APPLICATION:

- July 15 - Applications due to City
- July 24 - First public hearing 6:00 p.m.
- September 20 through  
October 21 - Public comment period on 2014 Action Plan
- October 9 - Second public hearing at City Council meeting
- October 23 - Council approves Action Plan
- November 15 - Submit Action Plan to HUD.
- January 1 - Start of Federal grant period 2014
- May 1 (estimated) - City receives HUD contract and funding, subrecipient agreements signed, projects begin

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