



MEMORANDUM

TO: Beverly R. Cameron, City Manager
FROM: Marne Sherman, Development Administrator
DATE: September 8, 2015
SUBJECT: Public Hearing on the Implementation of 2014-2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Programs

ISSUE:

Each year the City submits a Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order to meet its Federal guidelines under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. This report includes information on specific CDBG programs and how each was implemented over the past year.

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Council receives public comments related to implementation of the City's 2014-2015 CDBG programs.

BACKGROUND:

In addition to this public hearing, staff contacted neighborhood associations, civic groups, and interested parties directly to solicit public input. A summary of the CAPER appeared in the *Free Lance-Star* on August 25, 2015, with an announcement that the draft report is available for review in City Hall, at the Central Rappahannock Regional Library, and on the City's website. The notice also opened the fifteen day public comment period which began on August 26, 2015. A final report, which will note all comments received, will be brought back to City Council on September 22, 2015, for final approval and authorization to transmit to HUD.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This action is requested to meet program guidelines and continue to receive federal funding.

Attachment: Summary of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
FOR THE CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG'S
CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT
FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAMS**

Notice is hereby given that a draft of the City's Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) is available for public review and comment. A summary of this document follows:

FISCAL YEAR 2014/2015 (July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015)

RESOURCES

EXPENDED: \$160,835.23 in Community Development Block Grant funds

INVESTMENTS: Housing Rehabilitation Assistance (Emergency Home Repair Program) - \$95,286.01 to complete repairs to eight dwellings.

Homeless Prevention/Public Services - \$3,860.70 to Central Virginia Housing Coalition to prevent homelessness by providing grants and education to 16 families threatened with eviction or foreclosure. \$11,200.00 to Rappahannock Legal Services to provide housing advocacy and housing consumer education to 62 persons. \$4,248.52 to Fredericksburg Area HIV/AIDS Support Services to provide educational material and/or HIV/AIDS testing to 248 individuals, practical support services to avoid eviction for 5 individuals, and mental health case management to avoid crisis for 3 individuals. \$1,700.00 to Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank for the Food for Life Brown Bag Feeding Program to feed 372 City residents.

Removal of Architectural Barriers - \$14,665.00 to provide architectural modifications to three residential properties occupied by persons with disabilities to maximize their independence and self-sufficiency.

Fair Housing - \$0.00 to assist with fair housing activities.

Public Information - \$404.10 to provide CDBG information to City residents.

Administration - \$29,329.90 to administer and oversee all programs.

Unexpended resources are carried over to the next program year to continue designed programs. Copies of the full draft Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report are available for examination by the public in Room 209 of City Hall, 715 Princess Anne Street, during regular business hours (8:15 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Monday - Friday). Additional copies are available at the Central Rappahannock Regional Library Headquarters and on the City's website at www.fredericksburgva.gov. These facilities are fully accessible. If necessary, material will be made available, upon request, in a form accessible to persons with disabilities.

The public comment period will run from August 26 – September 9, 2015. Any comments should be directed to the Community Planning and Building Department, Room 209, of City Hall (540-372-1179).

Mary Katherine Greenlaw, Mayor