

# **FY 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Projects**

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Development

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# “CDBG” - Brief Primer

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

- Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) - Administered by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Allocated to local and state governments on a formula basis.
- The City of Newburgh is required to prepare and submit a **Consolidated Plan** that establishes goals for the use of CDBG funds. The most recent City of Newburgh Consolidated Plan: **FY2015-FY2019**
- Projects **MUST** be consistent with broad national priorities for CDBG:
  - Activities that benefit low- and moderate-income people;
  - The prevention or elimination of slums or blight; or
  - Community development activities to address an urgent threat to health or safety.



# City of Newburgh Community Development Goals

- Economic Development without Displacement.
- Enhance outreach and communications with the community.
- Support a climate that values diversity, rewards independence, nourishes creativity, and brings all of us together.

*Understand that successful community building requires reestablishing trust, which takes time, patience and cooperation.*



# City of Newburgh CDBG Projects Overview:

- Control blight
- Provide access to parkland, trails, and healthy activities in nature
- Positively reinvest in our communities and our infrastructure
- Build community gardens and provide access to healthy and locally grown food



# 2017: Proposed Action Plan Projects

Year 3 of the 5 Year Plan  
2015 - 2019



# FY2017 Proposed CDBG Projects/Funding

Project #	Description	Project Funding
1	Emergency Homeless Shelter First Methodist Church Homeless Shelter Services	\$19,300.00
2	Downing Park Urban Farm Downing Park Urban Farm Project & Outreach Program	\$79,538.00
3	In Rem Stabilization Program 2 DPW Workers & materials for In Rem Program	\$124,000.00
5	Emergency Home Repairs Emergency Homeowner Repair Program	\$25,000.00
6	Park Improvements Park Improvements	\$319,500.00
8	Small Business Assistance & Complete Streets Program Small Business Assistance, including Facade Improvements, Complete Streets Project, Sidewalk Program Salary for Economic Development Specialist	\$210,000.00
7	Administration Program Administration, Staff Salaries and Benefits, Student Interns	\$190,000.00
	Total	\$967,338.00
	Total 2017 Allocation	\$797,338.00
	Program Income	\$170,000.00
	Total Allocation & PI	\$967,338.00



Project: Emergency Shelter and Homeless Services  
Budget: \$19,300.00

(Total funding for project \$50,000.00; remainder of funds paid from prior grant years)

Summary: Funding to support the Emergency Shelter at First United Methodist Church (FUMC) Homeless Services.

- Executive Order to protect homeless individuals from inclement winter weather where temperatures decline to 32 degrees or below
- FUMC Homeless Services provided shelter and comfort to an average of 400 – 500 men and women, Dec. 2015 – March 2017



Project: Downing Park Urban Farm  
Budget: \$79,538.00

Summary: Continued funding to support year 3 of the 3-Year Downing Park Urban Farm project.

- The Downing Park Urban Farm offers economical and sustainable DIY solutions to address food poverty and scarcity in our community. Using simple techniques adapted for the specific conditions of living in an urban food desert like Newburgh, we are providing a platform for the community to have access to resources that enable people to grow their own food and follow a path towards better health and nutrition.





# Downing Park Urban Farm Initiative Highlights:

- Strengthened/expanded the number of community gardens in Newburgh
  - ✓ Piloted Community Gardens Produce Donation Program to Food Pantries and Soup Kitchens
  - ✓ Four of the community gardens donated over 600 pounds of fresh produce to four local food assistance programs - Meals on Wheels, St. Patrick's Soup Kitchen, St. George's Food Pantry and the Newburgh Ministry
  - ✓ Manage a Saturday Farmer's Market weekly at Downing Park and provide workshops regularly for families and children.



## Downing Park Urban Farm Initiative Highlights (Continued):

- Soil Testing Program
- Rain Barrel Water Conservation Program
- Backyard Composting
- Planting and Harvesting Programs
- Container Gardening Workshops



Project: In Rem Stabilization Program  
Budget: \$124,000.00

Summary: Funding to support the salaries and benefits of 2 Department of Public Works (DPW) full time employees performing in rem property maintenance activities, including:

- Assess and Document Conditions of Buildings
- Board-Up Properties
- Cut Grass
- Remove Trash
- Shovel Snow



Project: Emergency Homeowner Repair Program  
Budget: \$25,000.00

Summary: Funding to support the Emergency Homeowner Repair program. Program activities include:

- Funding for emergency water/sewer code violation repairs.
- Sidewalk code violation repairs
- Repair of a roof of a low/mod income qualified homewoner



\* Low – moderate income based program

Project: Park Improvements  
Budget: \$319,500.00



Summary: Funding to support City of Newburgh park improvements projects. Examples include:

- Build a skateboard park in Delano Hitch Park
- Plan/Design the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King park in the Waterfront Gateway District (Census Tract 4)



Project: Small Business Assistance & Complete Streets Program  
Budget: \$210,000.00

Summary: Small Business Assistance, including Facade Improvements, Complete Streets Project, Sidewalk Repair Program

Project Example:

- RUPCO Project Sidewalks



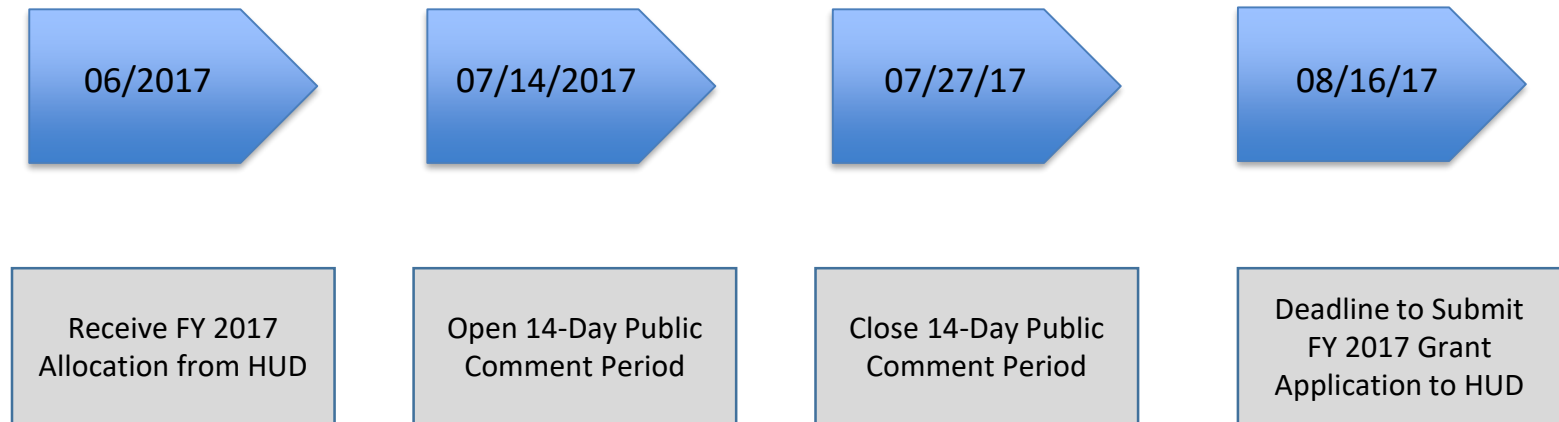
Project: Staffing & Administration  
Project Funding: \$190,000.00

Summary: Funding to support the salaries & benefits of the Community Development Director and Economic Development Specialist. Funds for legal notices, office support, postage and a minimal amount of travel are also included.\*

\*Cannot exceed 20% of total funding award.



# FY2017 Revised CDBG Projects Timeline



## FY 2017 REVISED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECTS TIMELINE

