

FY 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Projects

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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. Most recent City of Newburgh Consolidated Plan: **PY2015-PY2019**
- 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

- Development without Displacement.
- Enhance outreach and communications with the community.
- Support of 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
- 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



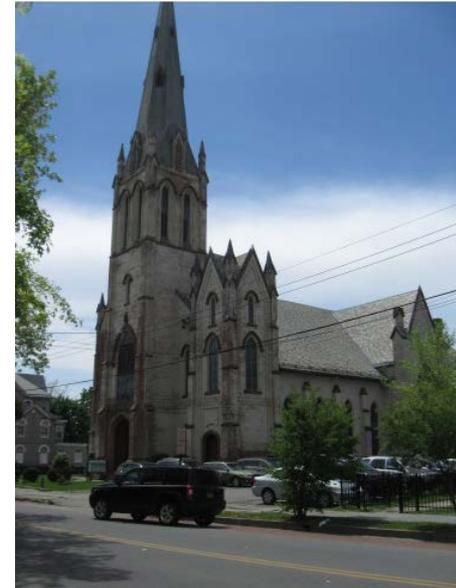
FY2017 Proposed CDBG Projects/Funding

Project #		Description		Project Funding
1	Emergency Homeless Shelter	First Methodist Church Homeless Shelter Services		\$50,000.00
2	Downing Park Urban Farm	Dowing Park Urban Farm Project & Outreach Program		\$140,000.00
3	In Rem Stabilization Program	2 DPW Workers & materials for In Rem Program		\$43,500.00
4	Code Enforcement Program	2 Part-Time Code Enforcement Officers		\$44,000.00
5	Emergency Home Repairs	Emergency Homeowner Repair Program		\$30,000.00
6	Park Improvements	Park Improvements, including Skate Board Park		\$200,000.00
8	Small Business Assistance & Complete Streets Program	Small Business Assistance, including Facade Improvements, Complete Streets Project, Sidewalk Program Salary for Economic Development Specialist		\$178,000.00
7	Administration	Program Administration, Staff Salaries and Benefits, Student Interns		\$160,000.00
		Total Funding Proposal		\$845,500.00

Project: Emergency Shelter and Homeless Services
Budget: \$50,000.00

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 2016



Project: Downing Park Urban Farm
Budget: \$140,000.00

Summary: Continued funding to support year 2 of the 3-Year Downing Park Urban Farm project.

- The Downing Park Urban Farm offers practical, 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 aim to provide 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
 - ✓ 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



Downing Park Urban Farm Initiative Highlights (Continued):

- Soil Testing Program
- Rain Barrel water conservation program
- Backyard Composting



Project: In Rem Stabilization Program
Budget: \$43,500.00

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

- Board-Up Properties
- Cut Grass
- Remove Trash
- Shovel Snow



Project: Quality of Community (Code Enforcement)
Program
Budget: \$44,000.00

Summary: Funding to support the salaries of 2 Part-Time Code Enforcement employees. Activities include:

- Property Abatements
- Issuance of Sanitation Violations



Project: Emergency Homeowner Repair Program
Budget: \$30,000.00

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

- Funding for emergency water/sewer code violation repairs.
- Sidewalk code violation repairs

* Low – moderate income based program



Project: Park Improvements
Budget: \$200,000.00



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

- Improved Delano Hitch Park Basketball Court Lighting
- Delano Hitch Track Project
- Delano Hitch Fitness Stations



Project: Small Business Assistance & Complete
Streets Program
Budget: \$178,000.00

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



Project: Staffing & Administration
Project Funding: \$160,000.00

Summary: Funding to support the salaries & benefits of the Community Development Director, a part-time stipend and student interns. Funds for legal notices, office support, postage and a minimal amount of travel are also included.*

*Cannot exceed 20% of total funding award.



FY2017 CDBG Projects Timeline

