

CITY OF PAWTUCKET



Draft Annual Action Plan
FY 2016
(July 1, 2016- June 30, 2017)
for the
Community Development Block Grant Program
HOME Investment Partnership Program
Emergency Solutions Grant Program

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AP-05 Executive Summary

1. Introduction

The City of Pawtucket is an Entitlement Community that receives funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to invest in local solutions to address housing and community development needs. The funds include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnership program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).

The primary objective of the CDBG program is to develop viable communities through the provision of decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities. HOME funds are dedicated to preserving and creating affordable housing. ESG supports outreach and shelters for homeless persons, as well as programs that prevent or rapidly rehouse homeless individuals and families.

The City of Pawtucket is pleased to present an Executive Summary of its Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2016 from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. The Annual Action Plan serves several functions:

1. Utilizing data and community input, it prioritizes housing and community development needs, delineates a one-year strategy for addressing those needs, and establishes performance measures by which progress can be assessed in response to the City of Pawtucket's Consolidated Plan 2015-2020.
2. It describes recommendations for specific projects and services to address housing, community development, emergency shelter, and homeless needs which were identified through public meetings, needs assessments, coalition meetings, consultations with community groups (e.g. neighborhood associations, linguistic minority organizations, etc.), and proposals solicited through both public meetings and the Request for Proposals (RFP) process.
3. It outlines activities that will be funded utilizing Federal Block Grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in accordance with 24 CFR Part 91.220 of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

The City's Annual Action Plan has been prepared in accordance with guidance provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

2. Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan Needs Assessment Overview

The 2016 Action Plan includes the goals and objectives outlined below, all targeting community needs related to affordable housing, economic development and employment, and strengthening neighborhoods.

- Provide essential Public Services –
- Improve Public Infrastructure –
- Expand Economic Development opportunities through business assistance–
- Improve availability and access to Public Facilities and Parks–
- Increase Affordable Housing, improve conditions of Housing through Rehabilitation –
- Increase the quality of life through Neighborhood Stabilization efforts–
- Decrease the incidence of Homelessness and provide services to the homeless –
- Planning and Administration –

Funding Disbursement. The 2016 Action Plan represents a single application for federal funding that incorporates three (3) HUD formula programs, for a total allocation of \$2,474,366 in FY 2016 funds. The three (3) HUD programs are as follows:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) \$1,893,778
- HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) \$418,162
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) \$162,426

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

The City of Pawtucket has demonstrated tremendous progress in meeting the goals and objectives identified in the 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan and the most recently completed its year One Action Plan. The city's successful efforts focused on activities that have positively impacted the quality of life for low and moderate income residents. These efforts have included increasing the amount of decent, safe and affordable housing; expanding homeownership opportunities; investment in public infrastructure, facilities, and parks; and providing essential public services.

An inclusive public process, community input, careful planning and a significant commitment of financial resources enabled the city to achieve modest performance across all programs and objectives despite funding constraints from HUD grants.

The City of Pawtucket remains confident that its demonstrated high level of performance will be replicated during the period covered by this Action Plan.

4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process

In order to ensure maximum participation from the citizens of Pawtucket, the Consolidated Planning process included public meetings, and consultations with key sub-populations. In addition to consultations the City held (3) public meetings. An additional public meeting was held before the City Council on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 where the public could comment on the plan. The city also assisted various applicants with technical assistance in preparing applications for funding requests.

Monday, January 11, 2016	General Newspaper Notice/Email Meeting Invitation to non-profits, community groups and City Councilors
Tuesday, January 26, 2016	CDBG Public Meeting to Explain Grant Process Review Performance 2014-2015 (CAPER) Presentation of 1 yr. Con-Plan Needs/Explanation CDBG/ESG/HOME Programs Blackstone Valley Visitor Center Theatre, 175 Main Street, Pawtucket, RI - 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2016	General Newspaper Notice/Applications Available/Applications emailed to City Council members
February 1-26, 2016	On-call technical assistance meetings with applicants to assist with grant eligibility and preparation
Friday, February 26, 2016	Applications Due Date 4 P.M.
February 29 – March 3, 2016	Review of all submitted applications for eligibility/status of current CDBG grant if previously funded.
March 4, 2016	Email list of all applications received sent to Mayor and City Council in advance of public hearings
Tuesday, March 8, 2016	CDBG Public Service Application Public Hearing Blackstone Valley Visitor Center Theatre, 175 Main Street, Pawtucket, RI - 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Thursday, March 10, 2016	CDBG Activities/HOME Housing Applications Public Hearing Blackstone Valley Visitor Center Theatre, 175 Main Street, Pawtucket, RI - 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Wednesday, April 6, 2016	Present application to City Council

All meeting locations were accessible to persons with disabilities and all meeting notices included information about how to request accommodation such as a translator or other assistance.

5. Summary of public comments

The Draft Annual Action Plan will be available for review and public comments between April 22 and May 23, 2016. Any comments received during that time period will be included here along with the City's response for the Final Action Plan.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

All comments were incorporated into the plan.

7. Summary

The 2015-2020 City of Pawtucket Consolidated Plan reflects the community input received from various individuals and organizations as well as City departments. It is hoped that the priorities chosen will have the effect of improving the lives of Pawtucket's low and moderate income residents.

The following activities listed in the Draft Action Plan have been proposed to receive Annual Action Plan program funds during the 2016-2017 program year.

During FY 2016, the City of Pawtucket will make significant process in implementing its Housing and Community Development goals and priorities as set forth in its Consolidated Plan 2015-2020 and 2016 Annual Action Plan. Many of these activities stand out as having the potential for positively impacting the quality of life for the City's low and moderate income residents. All of these activities have come to fruition as the result of an active public process, community input, careful planning and a significant commitment of financial resources while providing tremendous opportunities for low and moderate income individuals and families, both young and old, throughout the City of Pawtucket. The Three entitlement programs are described as;

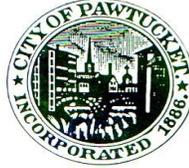
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): The CDBG Program is used to assist Pawtucket residents in a number of ways including: providing low cost loans to fix-up single and multi-family homes, installing new streets and sidewalks, making loans to local businesses, funding for neighborhood and senior centers, assisting families with child care, and many other activities directed at improving the lives of Pawtucket residents.

HOME Housing Investment Partnership (HOME): The HOME Program is used to assist Pawtucket residents with their housing needs. Programs funded with HOME dollars include: the non-profit development of affordable housing and affordable rental housing units, a first-time homebuyers' program, and rental assistance to tenants.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG): The ESG Program assists emergency shelters and homeless prevention activities, emphasizes rapid re-housing, and assists people quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis.

See funding allocations charts on the following pages;

City of Pawtucket, Rhode Island



July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

**HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

Citizen Comments on the Plan will be
Accepted until May 23, 2016

Comments may be mailed to: Edward G. Soares, Community Development Program Manager
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BASED ON ANTICIPATED 2016 - 2017 FEDERAL FUNDING

City of Pawtucket, RI 2016-2017 Housing and Community Development Action Plan
for Program Year 42 (July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017)

I. Community Development Block Grant Program

Anticipated 2016-2017 Federal CDBG Allocation Amount	\$1,733,778
Anticipated Program Income for Upcoming 2016-2017 Year	\$160,000
TOTAL CDBG ALLOCATION	\$1,893,778

II. HOME Housing Investment Partnership Program

Anticipated 2016-2017 Federal HOME Allocation Amount	\$418,162
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III. Emergency Solutions Grant Program

Anticipated 2016-2017 Federal ESG Allocation	\$162,426
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TOTAL EST. FED. FUNDING BUDGET FOR 2015-2016	\$2,474,366
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I. 2016-2017 Community Development Block Grant Summary

Anticipated 2016-2017 Federal CDBG Allocation	\$1,733,778
Anticipated CDBG Program Income for 2016-2017*	\$160,000
Anticipated 2016-2017 CDBG Total Budget	\$1,893,778

*This figure is a projection based upon anticipated loan repayments in the upcoming 2016-17 program year (see accompanying detail).

2016-2017 CDBG BUDGET BREAKDOWN BY PROGRAM AREA

Anticipated 2016-2017 CDBG BUDGET

	\$1,893,778
1. Public Service Allocation	\$375,607
2. Comm. Dev. Activities Allocation	\$1,139,416
3. Administrative and Planning Allocation (20%)	\$378,755

2016-2017 Community Development Block Grant Detail Notes

Anticipated CDBG Program Income for 2016-2017 Program Year

Pawt. Redev. Agency Residential Rehab Loan Payments	\$70,000
Pawt. Redev. Agency Commercial Rehab Loan Payments	\$30,000
Pawt. Bus. Dev. Loan Corp. Business Loan Payments	\$60,000
TOTAL PROGRAM INCOME ANTICIPATED	\$160,000

2016-2017 Proposed CDBG Budget Allocations

PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES

DESCRIPTION

I. Senior Services

BUDGET

Pawt. Senior Services/Senior Transportation	\$171,107
New Horizons Adult Day Care	\$40,000
Senior Van Maintenance/Repair Line	\$5,000
YWCA Rhode Island	\$2,500

Operation and Programming of the Leon Mathieu Senior Center.
 Adult Day Care Slots for low/moderate Income Pawtucket Seniors.
 Maintenance Funds for Senior Shuttle Vans.
 Senior Health and Wellness Programing.

II. Child Care

Dr. Day Care (Formerly Pawtucket Day Nursery)	\$5,000
Pawtucket Family YMCA	\$5,000

Child Care for Low/moderate Income Families within the City.
 Before/after School Care for School-aged Children in Pawtucket.

III. Counseling Services

Day One (Sexual Assault & Trauma Resource Ctr. Of RI)	\$4,000
Blackstone Valley Community Action Program, Inc.	\$8,000

Services to victims/families of Sexual Assault.
 Project Renew Commercial Sex Worker Diversion Program.

IV. Summer Youth Programs

Camp Ramsbottom (Boys & Girls Club)	\$20,000
Summer Teen Program (Boys & Girls Club)	\$3,000

Provide Summer Camperships at Camp Ramsbottom.
 Teen Summer Program.

V. Adult Education Employment

Man UP/Alternative Education Program (AEP), Inc.	\$5,000
The Providence Center	\$15,000
Farm Fresh Rhode Island	\$10,000

Young Adult Services to Reduce Recidivism.
 Anchor Recovery Community Center Employment Services.
 Harvest Kitchen Nutrition Education and Job Training Center.

VI. Youth Initiatives

Slater Mill Historic Site	\$9,000
B.V. Tourism Council River	\$5,000
Sandra Feinstein-Gamm Theatre	\$5,000
Pawtucket School Department - Young Voices	\$15,000

Hands on Fiber Arts Classes with Field Trips to Mill for 4th Grade Students.
 Educational Outings on the Blackstone River Explorer boat.
 Arts Literacy to 6-12th Graders in Pawtucket schools.
 Afterschool Leadership Program for Shea and Tolman Students.

VII. Assistance To The Hungry

Pawtucket Soup Kitchen	\$22,000
Blackstone Valley Emergency Food Center	\$10,000
Blackstone Valley Community Action Program, Inc.	\$10,000

Soup Kitchen for the Hungry.
 Food Pantry
 Emergency Food Program

VIII. Housing Assistance

Blackstone Valley Community Action Program, Inc.	\$6,000
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Fair Housing Advocate

TOTAL CDBG PUBLIC SERVICES

\$375,607

2016-2017 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

DESCRIPTION

I. Facility Improvement Projects:

BUDGET

Old Slater Mill Association	\$25,000
Joyful Hearts Childcare	\$6,500
Darlington Early Childhood Center	\$25,000
B.V. Tourism Council & Exchange to Main Bike Path Committee	\$50,000
Pawtucket Advisory Commission on Arts and Culture	\$5,000
Launch Code	\$50,000

Preservation of the 1758 Sylvanus Brown House Exterior
New Flooring for Daycare Center.
New Roof for Darlington Early Childhood Center
Main Street to Exchange Street Bike Path Phase 3
Pawtucket Paint Box
Office Space Buildout 120 High Street for Youth Technology Program

II. DPR Sponsored Improvement Projects:

Max Read Synthetic Turf Field Redevelopment	\$212,916
Dog Park Relocation - Slater Park	\$25,000
RIPTA Transit Corridor Improvements	\$75,000
Exchange Street Streetscape Improvements	\$100,000
Roosevelt Avenue/Slater Mill Streetscape	\$100,000

Synthetic Turf and Track Facility Improvements.
Design Relocation of Existing Dog Park.
Funding for "Super-Stop" Shelters.
Sidewalk, Street Tree Improvements.
Streetscape and Parking lot Improvements.

III. Economic Development:

Pawtucket's Business Development Corp.	\$160,000
RI Black Business Association	\$15,000

Business/Job Creation Loan Program.
Small Business Loan Program.

V. Pawtucket Redevelopment Agency Renewal:

Pawt. Redevelopment Agency Property Mgmt.	\$50,000
Pawt. Redevelopment Agency Housing Rehab. Program	\$100,000
Pawt. Redevelopment Agency Spot Demolition of Blighted Prop.	\$50,000
354 Pine Street Brownfields Clean Up	\$50,000
Pawt. Redevelopment Agency Spot Acquisition	\$40,000

Property Disposition and Management of PRA owned Properties.
Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program.
Spot Demolition.
Brownfields Clean Up Expenses at 354 Pine Street.
Funding to Acquire Vacant and/or Abandoned Parcels.

TOTAL CDBG ACTIVITIES

\$1,139,416

2016-2017 CDBG ADMINISTRATION/PLANNING

BUDGET

I. Dept. of Planning and Redevelopment Administration	\$303,755
II. Pawtucket Redevelopment Agency Administration	\$75,000

DESCRIPTION

Administration costs for CDBG Grant Management.
Administration costs for Agency Programs.

TOTAL CDBG ADMINISTRATION

\$378,755

TOTAL ALL CDBG CATEGORIES

\$1,893,778

2016-2017 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG)

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
I. Emergency Shelter Operations	TBD*	Emergency Shelter Operations.
II. Essential Services Day Program Operations	TBD*	Essential Services-Day Program.
III. Homeless Prevention Rapid Rehousing	TBD*	Homeless Prevention Rapid Rehousing
IV. Dept. of Planning Admin. Set-Aside (7.5%)	\$12,181	Administration costs for ESG Grant management.
TOTAL ESG	\$162,426	

* Consolidated Homeless Fund providers to be determined at the end of May.

2016-2017 HOME HOUSING PROGRAM

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
I. HOME Administration Set-Aside (10% cap)		
City Administrative Reimbursement	\$41,816	Administration costs for HOME Grant management.
II. Administration for Housing Non-Profits (5% required)		
Pawtucket Citizens Dev. Corp. Administration	\$12,000	Administrative funds to carry-out HOME projects.
Blackstone Valley CAP Administration	\$8,908	Administrative funds to carry-out HOME projects.
III. Available for Projects		
BVCAP-New Construction 370 Lonsdale Avenue(Lot 749)	\$50,000	New Construction 2 Family Dwelling
BVCAP-New Construction 350 Lonsdale Avenue(Lot 759)	\$50,000	New Construction 2 Family Dwelling
BVCAP-New Construction - 155 Division Street	\$50,000	New Construction 2 Family Dwelling
The Arc of Blackstone Valley - Rent Subsidy Program	\$10,438	Continuation of Rental Vouchers for 2 apartments.
Omni Development	\$75,000	Rehabilitation of 560 Prospect Street
Pawt. Citizens Dev. Corp.- Branch Street	\$120,000	New Construction and Scattered Site Rehabilitation for 46 units.
TOTAL HOME HOUSING GRANT	\$418,162	