

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**PROPOSED FFY 2017 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM (NSP) 1 & 3 ACTION PLAN**

**Public Hearing:** Please join the Columbus Consolidated Government Community Reinvestment Department (CRD) for a public hearing to present and receive comment on the Draft 2017/2018 Annual Action Plan (Plan). Public hearing will be: • Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the Citizen Services Center, 3111 Citizens Way, Columbus. The venue is accessible for persons with disabilities. For additional information or to request special arrangements (interpreter, sign language, etc), contact Kevin Garza at kgarza@columbusga.org or 706.225.3929.

The public hearing will also be a forum to discuss fair housing and related issues. Residents with suggestions or concerns will be provided opportunity to voice those issues during the public hearing. For specific questions or concerns about fair housing or landlord/tenant relations, please contact 800.669.9777.

**Purpose and Summary:** The 2017 Annual Action Plan (Plan) is the Columbus Consolidated Government’s application for federal funds. The application is submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnerships Grant (HOME) programs. Funding priorities are affordable housing, public services, infrastructure facilities, economic development and the elimination of slum and blight. The goals of the 2017 Plan are to (1) provide decent housing, (2) provide a suitable living environment, and (3) expand economic opportunities for Columbus residents, the majority of whom are low-and moderate-income. This plan also incorporates the proposed uses of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) 1 & 3 program income, which include utilizing the Columbus Land Bank Authority to acquire abandoned properties, demolish dilapidated structures, redevelopment and disposition.

The format and information presented in the Plan are based on HUD requirements. Throughout the Plan development process, CRD collaborates with residents, community stakeholders, neighborhood-based organizations, and non- and for-profit agencies to determine strategies to benefit low- and moderate-income residents. Information about the planning process is made available at public hearings.

The Summary of the Draft 2017 Annual Action Plan describes how the \$2,243,860 in federal funds and \$353,875 in program income will be used to benefit income-eligible residents during the next Program Year (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018). The Substantial Amendment to the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Action Plan describes how \$1,082,677 in NSP 1 & 3 program income will be used to acquire and demolish abandoned and foreclosed properties for redevelopment within approved census tracts.

**Sources of Funds**

**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - \$1,810,347**  
**(\$1,371,525 EN, \$238,822 PI, \$200,000 Carryover)**

Multifamily Housing (Infrastructure)	\$500,000
Public Services	\$211,970
Single-Family Home Repair	\$229,829
Economic Development	\$270,000
Elimination of Slum and Blight	\$76,711
Public Infrastructure – City Village (sidewalks, crosswalks, bus shelters)	\$200,000
Program Administration	\$321,837

**Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) - \$787,388**  
**(\$646,179 EN, \$115,053 PI, \$26,156 Carryover)**

New Construction of Affordable Rental Housing	\$200,000
Acquisition/Rehabilitation Affordable Housing for Homeownership	\$345,145
Homebuyer Assistance	\$40,000
Tenant Based Rental Assistance	\$100,000
Program Administration	\$102,243

**Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) 1 & 3 - \$1,082,677 (PI)**

Land Banking Activities – Acquisition of abandoned or foreclosed properties, demolishing, redevelopment, and disposition	\$1,082,677
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In order to obtain the views of citizens, public agencies and other interested parties, the City has placed its proposed 2017 Annual Action Plan on public display in the following locations during normal business hours beginning on July 6, 2017 and running through July 24, 2017:

- 420 10th Street - Columbus Consolidated Government Annex Building, 2nd Floor, Community Reinvestment Division
- 3111 Citizens Way - Columbus Consolidated Government, Citizen Services Center
- 3000 Macon Road - Columbus Public Library
- 640 Veterans Parkway - Mildred L. Terry Public Library
- 5689 Armour Road - North Columbus Public Library
- 2034 South Lumpkin Road - South Columbus Public Library

In addition, the documents will also be available for review on the City’s website accessible at:

<http://www.columbusga.org/CommunityReinvestment/>

The information will be available for public review for 15 days. Public comment on the documents should be directed to the Community Reinvestment Department, 420 Tenth Street, Columbus, GA 31901 or kgarza@columbusga.org.

The Columbus City Council is expected to act on the proposed Annual Action Plan for FFY 2017, and the Substantial Amendment to the NSP 1 & 3 Action Plans, on July, 25 2017 at the regularly scheduled meeting at 5:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers. The final Annual Action Plan for FFY 2017, and the Substantial Amendment to the NSP 1 & 3 Action Plans, are expected to be submitted to HUD for review and approval on or before August 16, 2017.

Publication Date: July 6, 2017