PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM APPLICATION S & ANNUAL ACTION PLAN PUBLIC HEARINGS

APPLICATIONS

The City of Northampton MA has issued Application Forms for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the program year beginning July 1, 2017. Activities must meet one of three national objectives: (1) activities that benefit persons with low and moderate incomes; (2) activities that prevent or eliminate slums and blight; or (3) activities that address a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community. Application forms will be available on January 20, 2017. Applications can be submitted on line or via hard copy. Fillable forms are available on-line at manorthampton.civicplus.com/969/Funding-Applications and can be submitted electronically. Hard copy forms are also available by calling the office at (413) 587-1286 or via email at cleon@northamptonma.gov

<u>Deadline for Submission</u>: One original single sided and five double-sided copies of completed hard copy paper applications MUST BE HAND DELIVERED to the CDBG Office on the second floor of City Hall no later than 4:30 <u>p.m. on Friday</u>, <u>February 24, 2017</u>. On-line submissions are due by the same date and time.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Northampton receives an annual allocation of CDBG funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The program provides funding to create decent housing, suitable living environments and economic opportunities for people with low and moderate incomes.

Two public hearings are scheduled to gather input for developing the plan. The first hearing will cover eligibility criteria for project submissions, review recently completed projects and identify housing, community and economic development needs. The second hearing will present the draft plan for public review and comment.

PUBLIC HEARING: Public Services, Housing, Community & Economic

Development Priorities

DATE & TIME: **Tuesday**, **February 1 4**, **2017** @ **5:30 PM**

LOCATION: Northampton City Hall/ 210 Main Street, 2nd Floor Room 18

PUBLIC HEARING: Discussion of the Draft Annual Action Plan DATE & TIME: Tuesday March 29, 2017 @ 5:30 PM

LOCATION: Northampton City Hall/ 210 Main Street, 2nd Floor Room 18

DRAFT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

On March 24, 2017 the City of Northampton will release the draft Annual Action Plan for public comment. A summary shall be published in the newspaper; posted in City Hall and on the City's web site. Comments will be taken until April 28, 2017. Anyone unable to attend the public hearings may submit written comments to the Office of the Mayor, City Hall - 210 Main Street, Northampton, MA 01060, Attention: Peg Keller, CDBG Administrator or via email to pkeller@northamptonma.gov

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