

**PUBLIC NOTICE
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC HEARING
2016 ACTION PLAN, WHICH INCLUDES THE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
AND HOME PROGRAM**

Lake County is required to submit an Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in order to receive funds from the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), HUD HOME Program and Emergency Shelter Grant Program (ESG). The County will not receive any direct funding under the ESG Program. However, it may apply for, and compete for, funding under this program.

As required by Federal Regulation for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Programs, Lake County is publishing a summary in the 2016 Action Plan and the projected use of approximately \$1,367,243.00 allocated under the FY 2015 CDBG Program, approximately \$486,195.00 allocated under the FY 2015 HOME Program, an estimated program income of \$50,000, and \$118,160 in rollover funds for a total of \$2,021,598.00. This information is available to the public. Of this amount, the County expects to spend approximately 87% on activities that benefit low and moderate income persons. These figures were provided by HUD.

Activities expected to be undertaken during the 2016 Program Year include:

Housing: Owner and rental rehabilitation, and homebuyer assistance, all targeted to households with incomes under 80% of the median family income for the Lake County area.

Infrastructure Improvements: Assistance to upgrading, replacing, or rehabilitating streets, sidewalks, water and sewer lines, storm drainage facilities and their appurtenances, to be targeted primarily to lower income and deteriorated areas. Infrastructure to support the rehabilitation and development of new housing primarily for lower income persons.

Economic Development Needs: Assistance to commercial, industrial, warehousing and research facilities and related entities for location, expansion or retention of employment, especially for lower income persons and households.

Accessibility Improvements: For physically impaired persons.

Public Facilities: Assistance for public recreation areas and facilities and other public facilities, targeted to those primarily benefiting lower income persons.

Public Services: Homeless Prevention, Fair Housing Services, Transportation Assistance, Youth Education Assistance, and Abused Youth Visitation.

Planning and General Information of activities.

Program Area

Projects and activities under the Lake County Annual Plan will be undertaken in all areas of Lake County, excluding the cities of Gary, Hammond and East Chicago. These cities and towns are entitlement communities and receive their own funding under these programs.

FY 2016 CITIES & TOWNS CDBG PROJECTS

HOBART H016A	ADA ramps at Police Court Complex And Old Oak Road	\$121,700	\$121,700
CROWN POINT CP16 A CP16 B	ADA Curb Cuts Demolition	\$115,310	\$15,310 \$100,000
DYER DY16 A	ADA Swing sets town parks	\$75,180	\$75,180
LOWELL LO16 A	Sidewalk replacement Main St./ Nickols to Liberty	\$49,060	\$49,060
LAKE STATION LS16 A LS16 B	ADA Curb ramps Demolition unsafe structures	\$102,320	\$25,000 \$77,320
ST. JOHN SJ16 A	Sidewalk replacement (Thielen Street)	\$69,500	\$69,500
GRIFFITH GR16 A	ADA Recreational Improvements	\$154,000	\$154,000
WINFIELD WF16 A	ADA Curb Cuts County Meadows Doubletree West Subdivisions	\$31,090	\$31,090
LAKE COUNTY LC16 A	ADA Curb ramps	\$25,000	\$25,000
TOTAL	Cities & Towns Projects	\$743,160	\$743,160

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A.	Cities & Towns	\$ 743,160
B.	Fair Housing	\$ 30,000
C.	Elderly Transport	\$ 40,000
D.	Homeless Prevention	\$ 50,000
E.	Construction Management	\$ 35,000
F.	Homebuyer Assistance	\$ 200,000
G.	CHDO Housing Development	\$ 72,929
H.	Housing Rehab	\$ 438,441
I.	Social Services	\$ 70,000
J.	Administration	\$ 327,068
K.	Affirmative Furthering Fair Housing Plan	\$ 25,000
Grand Total (CDBG, HOME, Rollover and Program Income)		\$ 2,021,598

POLICY

"SECTION 109" OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974

- 1) No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin or sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds made available under this title.
- 2) Displacement of persons will be minimized and will only take place as a final alternative to sound residential development. In the event of displacement of persons as a result of community development activity under this program, assistance of those persons displaced will be provided as prescribed by the Federal Uniform Real Estate Acquisition and Relocation Policy Act of 1970 as amended.

Draft copies of the Annual Plan will be available at the following locations from May 27, 2016 to June 28, 2016: At the governmental offices of all cities and towns being funded this year in the Urban Lake County area, the Lake County Government Center (address below), and the Lake County Public Library located at 1919 West 81st Avenue, Merrillville, IN 46410. Copies may be reviewed during regular business hours at these locations. Copies of the Annual Plan will be available on the County website lakecountyin.com. Persons wishing to submit comments on the Plan should direct them to: Mr. Timothy A. Brown, Executive Director, Lake County

Community Economic Development Department, Lake County Government Center, 2293 North Main Street, Crown Point, IN 46307, telephone (219) 755-3235. Office hours are 8:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. Comments concerning the proposed plan must be received prior to the end of business on June 28, 2015 to be considered. The County intends to submit the Plan to the Indianapolis Area Office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on, or after, July 7, 2016. HUD has forty-five (45) days to review and approve the Plan.

The County Plans for minimizing the displacement of persons and for citizen participation are available at the Lake County Government Center.

The County will hold a second, and final, Public Hearing on the 2016 Annual Action Plan on July 5th, 2016. All residents of Urban Lake County are invited to attend and comment on the Plan. The hearing will be at 4:00 P.M. in the Lake County Community Development office (3rd Floor, RM A310), Lake County Government Center, 2293 North Main Street, Crown Point, IN 46307.

The facility is handicapped accessible. Provision will be made to large groups (10 or more persons) who require assistance in a language other than English.