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CITY OF BUFFALO 2012-2013 Annual Action Plan Adoption Process and Schedule

In 1990, the United States Congress passed the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act which required local governments receiving Federal funds for the administration of housing and community development programs to prepare a five-year plan showing the use of Federal resources. The *Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development* is a prerequisite for the City's annual funding from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for four Federal entitlement programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for People with Aids (HOPWA).

The annual funding of the City's priority projects is described in the *Annual Action Plan*. Each project addresses one of the City's most critical needs in economic development, neighborhood revitalization, housing development, and public services for low and moderate-income families and homelessness.

Formulation Public Hearing (Wednesday, October 12, 2011, 6:00 p.m. at the Buffalo & Erie Co. Public Library, 1 Lafayette Sq. (Clinton St. Entrance))

Provide citizens with a review of the previous year's progress, provide an estimate of funding amounts, release of application and engage citizen comment to describe their housing and community development needs. The City will present a draft outline of its proposed use of funds for review and will outline the contracting of programming and services.

Application Workshop (Thursday, October 13, 2011, 9:00 a.m. at the Delavan Grider Community Center, 877 East Delavan Ave.)

Assist those interested organizations with technical assistance to complete the application, its review and approval process, and related requirements needed for submission.

Departmental Annual Action Plan Presentation/Review (October 20, 2011)

The Dept. of Administration & Finance, Office of Strategic Planning, Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency, Dept. of Economic Development, Inspections, & Permits, Dept. of Public Works, Division of Citizen Services, and Dept. of Community Services staff will convene for a presentation and review of Consolidated Plan and more specifically the ongoing initiatives, demographic priorities, and targeted investment areas to focus on the upcoming Annual Action Plan.



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Application Deadline: (Thursday, November 10, 2011)

Applications are due to be returned by the close of business (4:30 p.m.). Late filers will not be accepted or processed. No exceptions.

Staff Recommendations (Friday, December 2, 2011)

City staff will make budget recommendations, by the above date, in relation to the proposed plan. Budget recommendations will include funding of various organizations that have resulted through the application process.

Mayor's Proposed Plan (Thursday, December 29, 2011)

The Mayor of Buffalo will announce and submit the Administration's proposed plan, which will include the budget, to the Common Council for its review and comment on or before the above date.

Common Council Review (Tuesday, January 3 – Tues., January 24, 2012)

The Common Council will review and make comments on the Annual Action Plan.

Review Public Hearing(s) (February 7 – February 15, 2012 TBA)

The Proposed 2012-2013 Annual Action Plan will be made available to the general public for their review and discussion. This will commence a 30 day comment period, which will allow citizens an opportunity to submit comments regarding the plan.

Conclusion 30 Day Comment Period (30 Days of the Review Public Hearing(s))

All received comments will be taken into consideration. The Final Annual Action Plan will include a summary of all public comments, including an explanation of why any comments might not have been adopted.

BURA Adoption (Thursday, March 15, 2012)

The Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency (BURA) will meet to adopt the proposed Annual Action Plan.

Submission to HUD (Friday, March 16, 2012)

The City of Buffalo will submit its Final 2012-2013 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) for its review and approval.