

FFY2015 Action Plan

The following is a proposed list of activities and amounts to be funded from the County's Federal Fiscal Year 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

Purpose: Entitlement grant from HUD for public facilities, infrastructure, housing, planning, public services, administration, etc. Allows up to 20% to be used for planning and administration.

Entity	Project	Total Budget	2015
BCRA	General administration, fair housing	\$296,973	\$290,600
BCPC	Various planning activities	\$120,000	\$120,000
BCRA	Sinking Spring RA	\$3,000,000	\$675,000
Hawk Mountain	ADA Improvements	\$707,625	\$361,000
BCRA	Fleetwood RA	\$750,000	\$400,000
BCRA	Armorcast RA	\$750,000	\$206,400
	Total		\$2,053,000

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program

Purpose: Entitlement grant from HUD for operations, maintenance, rehabilitation of homeless shelters, essential services for homeless persons, homelessness prevention activities, rapid re-housing and stabilization activities, and administration. Allows up to 7.5% for administration. Requires at least 40% be used for homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing activities.

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Entity	Project	Total Budget	2015
BCRA	Administration	\$13,937	\$13,937
Family Promise	Homelessness prevention services	\$100,000	\$39,000
Berks Women in Crisis	Operations and maintenance costs shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children.	\$2,116,492	\$42,000
BCEH	Rehabilitation of family shelter	\$60,000	\$23,901
BCPS	Homeless prevention services	\$903,861	\$31,000
Opportunity House	Operations and maintenance of shelter	\$512,003	\$36,000
	Total		\$185,838

Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program

Purpose: Entitlement grant from HUD for the development of affordable housing, tenant-based rental assistance, administration. Up to 10% may be used for administration. At least 15% must be used for CHDO housing projects.

Applicant	Project	Total Budget	2015
BCRA	General administration of program.	\$43,671	\$43,671
BCRA	Next Step Program (tenant-based rental assistance program)	\$60,322	\$61,000
Neighborhood Housing Services of Reading	Development of new affordable homes in boroughs and/or townships, CHDO operating, foreclosure diversion counseling, loan loss reserve.	\$4,000,000	\$66,048
BCRA	Development of housing for homeless veterans.	\$1,000,000	\$266,000
	Total		\$436,719

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