

COUNTY OF BERKS
SUMMARY NOTICE & PUBLIC HEARING
FFY2017 ACTION PLAN

The Joint Consolidated Plan is a five year planning document that addresses housing and community development needs of Reading and Berks County. This summary is designed to give citizens, local governments, and interested organizations of the City and County an opportunity to comment on the City and County Action Plans for Federal Fiscal Year 2017.

COUNTY ACTION PLAN: The County proposes to adopt its Action Plan for Federal Fiscal Year 2017. For FFY2017, the County anticipates receiving approximately \$2,040,000 from the CDBG Program, \$456,000 from the HOME Program, and \$185,000 from the ESG Program. Activities proposed for funding include bridge improvements (\$328,506), redevelopment area activities (\$200,000), public facilities (\$720,000) operations, maintenance of emergency shelters (\$76,951), homeless prevention (\$94,000), development of affordable housing (\$384,794), administration and planning (\$490,886), and Section 108 loan payments (\$235,000). The estimated amount that will benefit low and moderate income persons for the CDBG Program is 90%. The County expects no the displacement of families, individuals, or businesses to occur as a result of the activities. Should displacement occur as a result of any project or activity, the County follow the regulations of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended.

CITY ACTION PLAN: The City proposes to adopt its Action Plan for Federal Fiscal Year 2017. For FFY2017, the City anticipates receiving approximately \$2,425,594 from the CDBG Program, \$264,714 in CDBG Program income, \$761,698 from the HOME Program, \$264,960 in HOME unprogrammed HOME funds, \$223,211 from the ESG Program. Activities proposed for funding include park and playground improvements (\$150,000), owner occupied housing rehabilitation (\$150,000), housing ADA improvements (\$30,000), public services (\$363,989), planning & administration (\$603,229), public improvements (\$281,000), façade improvements (\$70,000), micro-enterprise technical assistance (\$20,000), tenant based rental assistance (\$150,000), renter occupied housing rehabilitation (\$230,000), homebuyer assistance (\$200,000), CHDO operating (\$30,000), and housing acquisition, rehabilitation, resale (\$340,488). The estimated amount to benefit low and moderate income persons for the CDBG Program is 76%. The City expects no the displacement of families, individuals, or businesses to occur as a result of the activities. Should displacement occur as a result of any project or activity, the City will follow the regulations of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended.

The Action Plans have been developed using an estimate of the amount of 2017 CDBG, ESG, and HOME entitlement funding that the City and County anticipate receiving from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Funding amount revisions will be made to the activities in the Action Plan should the exact amount of funding awarded by HUD differ from the estimate. The activities with the highest funding amounts are the highest priority activities. Those priorities will remain the same irrespective of the amount of funding received from HUD. An activity funding amount revision will be based on the priorities and each entitlement program's funding caps. The City and County will adhere to their Citizen Participation Plan amendment requirements if an activity will be added to or cancelled from the Action Plan.

PUBLIC REVIEW: The County's 2017 Action Plan will be available for public review on October 7, 2016 at public libraries and municipal offices as well as at the offices of the Berks County Redevelopment Authority, Services Center - 14th Floor, 633 Court Street, Reading, PA 19601. The City's 2017 Action Plan will be available for public review on October 7, 2016 in the Community Development Office, City Hall - Third Floor, 815 Washington Street, Reading, PA 19601

The Plans will be made available again at the same locations, following approval by HUD.

PUBLIC HEARING: The City of Reading and the County of Berks will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Boardroom, 13th Floor, County Services Center, 633 Court Street, Reading, PA. All citizens, public agencies and other interested parties may either attend this hearing or phone-in during the hearing to offer their views and comments on the proposed Plan. Persons requiring assistance due to hearing, speech, or vision impairments should notify the Berks County Redevelopment Authority at 610-478-6325 or 610-478-6335 (TDD).

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: The City and County will be undertaking an evaluation of the activities to be funded in an effort to identify historic and archaeological resources that may be affected by the activities. By this Notice, the City and County invite interested parties who may have an interest in activities which may impact historic and archaeological resources to make themselves known. For County projects, parties should contact the Berks Redevelopment Authority, Services Center, 14th Floor, 633 Court Street, Reading, PA 19601 610-478-6325 or 610-478-6335 (TDD). The City and County will involve such parties in the notification and review process of the National Advisory Council on Historic Preservation as set forth in 36 CFR Part 800.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN AMENDMENTS: Both the City and County have amended their respective Citizen Participation Plans to incorporate the requirements of the Assessment of Fair Housing. Copies are available at City and County offices.