

## **Year 1 Action Plan**

### **Summary of Statement of Objectives and Budget for The Forty-First Year**

**July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016**

The City's objectives for the use of \$1,433,774.00 in CDBG funds for the 2015-2016 program year are presented in several categories below.

**HOUSING** **\$ 5,000.00**  
**24 CFR 570.202(a)(2) & (b)/570.208(a)(3)**

The City seeks to improve the quality of housing and increase housing opportunities available to low- and moderate-income households. Activities will be overseen by the City's CDBG/Housing Administrator. Specific objectives include the following:

- The enhancement of conditions and quality of life for low-income residents of public housing;
- Oversee affordable housing lotteries and ensure timely delivery of affordable units at market rate developments where affordable units have been required;
- Assist and potentially fund area nonprofit housing developers in identifying appropriate development sites and in accessing funding for the development of those sites;
- Develop affordable rental and home ownership opportunities for low to moderate income households;
- Administer the various housing activities;

**PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENTS TO CITY SYSTEMS AND PUBLIC FACILITIES** **\$ 926,953.10**  
**24 CFR 570.201( c )/570.202(b),(d)/570.208 (a) (1),(3)& (b)**

The City seeks to reconstruct its infrastructure, park, senior center, public service, water, sewer, drainage, sidewalk, and roadway facilities and to remove architectural barriers. Commitments include the following:

- The upgrading and replacement, where necessary, of the water, sewer, sidewalk, drainage, and street systems including: sewer, water and drainage rehabilitation; fire hydrant and water gate replacement; removal and replacement of lead service connections; sidewalk reconstruction and tree planting;
- Implement handicap access improvements focusing on sidewalks, crosswalks, access to public parks and public buildings; removal of architectural barriers at South Street and Winthrop Street;
- Roof replacement, HVAC and related exterior improvements as well as interior upgrades, and park and landscaping improvements at the Medford Senior Center.

**PUBLIC SERVICES** **\$ 215,066.10**  
**24 CFR 570.201(e)/570.208(a)(2)(i)**

The City seeks to provide a variety of public service programs and to continue to support nonprofit community development agencies to encourage the development of affordable housing. The City objectives include:

- Combating social illnesses, public safety and substance abuse, which weaken the stability of the City’s households and neighborhoods;
- Improving quality of life for Medford’s school children, through the provision of after school child care programs;
- Improving the resources available to the City’s population at risk of homelessness, residents in crisis, local consumers, and the physically and emotionally disabled population;
- Improving quality of life for Medford’s elderly population, through the provision of day health and recreational programs and transportation to reduce isolation;

- Encouraging the creation of affordable housing and assisting those with emergency and transitional housing needs. Programs include legal aid, food pantry and meals, and referral and counseling services;
- Providing vocational, social, recreational and educational opportunities for developmentally disabled Medford residents and their families.

**PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION** **\$ 286,754.80**  
**24 CFR 570.206**

The City seeks to conduct the above activities in an efficient manner according to an overall strategy. In administering the CDBG program the Office of Community Development shall strive to maximize the impact of the funds expended.

The City will work through the Office of Human Diversity regarding regulations concerning Fair Housing, Section 3 Requirements, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Whenever possible, the City will make every effort to attract discretionary and formula grant funds from federal and state sources to meet community development objectives.

**PROGRAM INCOME** **\$ 5,000.00**  
**24 CFR 570.504**

Payments received from a previous housing rehabilitation loan program will be utilized for housing programs.

**HOME**  
**24 CFR 570.508(a)(1)**  
**570.201(m)**

The City may apply for HOME money to fund owner-occupied or investor-owned housing rehabilitation and construction. The proposed HOME accomplishments are:

- Support the development of new rental housing units. This will be a combination of federally assisted units and privately funded units with affordability restrictions;
- Provide a series of certified First-Time Homebuyer Workshops in Medford, with Medford Community Housing as the regional nonprofit leading the classes;
- Assist with the lotteries for affordable units;
- Provide income eligible homebuyers with downpayment and closing cost assistance.

Medford is a member of the North Suburban Consortium (NSC) that is comprised of eight communities located north of Boston (Arlington, Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Revere and Winthrop). The member communities focus cooperative efforts to maintain and create affordable housing for all low-income residents in the region. Medford will participate in the HOME First-Time Homebuyers Workshop Program providing counseling, training and downpayment assistance to low- and moderate-income prospective homebuyers in purchasing affordable housing.

**Community Development Block Grant Budget  
YR 41 Allocation: \$ 1,433,774.00**

<b>HOUSING PROGRAMS</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 926,953.10</b>
<b>PUBLIC SERVICES</b>	<b>\$ 215,066.10</b>
<b>PLANNING &amp; ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$ 286,754.80</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 1,433,774.00 YR 41 Allocation</b>
	<b>\$ 5,000.00 est. Prog. Inc.</b>
	<b>\$ 1,438,774.00</b>