

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the City of St. Petersburg anticipates receiving formula allocations under its Consolidated Plan submission for FY 2015 under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) grant programs. At the present time, the City has not been informed of how much federal formula allocations it will receive. As that information is made available, a second notice will be advertised to inform the public of the amount of funding to be received by the City.

CDBG funds must be used to address one of the national objectives of the CDBG program: a) principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons; and/or b) eliminate slums and blight. In addition, a project must also be an eligible activity under the Federal regulations of the CDBG program. These activities include acquisition of property, relocation of occupants of property acquired, rehabilitation and preservation of property, public facilities and improvements, clearance, public services, home ownership assistance, match for other federal programs, code enforcement, economic development, removal of architectural barriers, historic preservation, and interim assistance.

ESG funds are used to provide services to the homeless; operational funding for shelters, rehabilitation of facilities for the homeless, and homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing of the homeless.

HOME funds may be used for home ownership assistance and for acquisition, construction and/or rehabilitation of housing which is affordable to low- and moderate-income persons, including supportive transitional and permanent housing for special needs populations.

On Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. a public hearing will be held to obtain input from citizens concerning the City's community development and housing needs, how these needs should be addressed in the future, and how the City has performed in implementing its past Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), and State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) programs. All interested persons are invited to attend the public forum to be held at the Enoch Davis Center, 1111 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, St. Petersburg. Any secular, non-profit agency interested in proposing a project for funding may obtain an application form by attending the forum or an application workshop to be held on Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Wildwood Community Center, 1000 28<sup>th</sup> Street South, St. Petersburg. Any interested non-profit agency is strongly encouraged to attend both meetings as changes have occurred due to new HUD regulations. Application forms will also be available at the Department of Housing and Community Development, One Fourth Street North, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, or on the City's website at [www.stpete.org/housing/housedoc.asp](http://www.stpete.org/housing/housedoc.asp) after February 5, 2015.

All completed applications for funding must be submitted electronically to [Lynn.Gilbert@stpete.org](mailto:Lynn.Gilbert@stpete.org) along with two original hard copies at the Housing and Community Development Department reception desk at One Fourth Street North, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 13, 2015 in order to be considered for funding. Both an electronic version and the hard copies must be submitted by this deadline. Any late submissions will not be considered.

For additional information concerning this notice, please contact the Department of Housing and Community Development at (727) 892-5452. Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, please contact the City Clerk, (727) 893-7202, or call the TDD number, (727) 892-5259, at least three business days in advance.