

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the City of St. Petersburg is in the process of developing its five-year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan for the period beginning FY 2010 – FY 2015. The City anticipates receiving formula allocations under its Consolidated Plan submission for FY 2010 under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME). 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.

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.

ESG funds are used to provide services to the homeless, operational funding for shelters, and rehabilitation of facilities for the homeless.

The first public forum of the Consolidated Planning process is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. to hear the community development, public services, and housing priority needs for the next five years, beginning October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2015. Interested organizations and individuals should come prepared to discuss these needs and provide supporting documentations of these needs. The public forum will be held at the Public Library, located at 3745 9th Avenue North, St. Petersburg.

On Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. an additional public forum will be held to discuss the City's past performance and obtain input from citizens concerning priority needs that should be implemented in the CDBG, HOME, State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP), and ESG programs. All interested persons are invited to attend the public forum to be held at the Enoch Davis Center, 1111 18th 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 10, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the Wildwood Community Center, 1000 28th Street South, St. Petersburg. Application forms will also be available at the Department of Housing and Community Development, One Fourth Street North, 3rd Floor, or the City website www.stpete.org, after January 20, 2010.

All completed applications for funding must be received at the Housing and Community Development Department reception desk at One Fourth Street North, 3rd Floor, by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 5, 2010 in order to be considered for funding. (FAX copies will not be accepted.)

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