

Notice of Public Comment Period and Public Hearing on the City of Duluth FY 2012 Action Plan for Housing and Community Development

* Federal Funding Recommendations Included *

The City of Duluth is seeking citizen comment on the Draft FY 2012 Action Plan for Housing and Community Development. Current community issues, especially those affecting persons with low and moderate incomes, persons of color, and persons with disabilities, and the City's progress toward five-year community development goals are outlined in the Plan. **This Plan includes the recommendations for approximately \$3.4 million in funds to the City of Duluth from three programs of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Community Development Committee (CD Committee) plans and advises on the use of these funds to the Duluth City Council.**

CD Committee Recommendations for 2012 Funding:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

(at least 70% of CDBG funds must benefit persons with low or moderate incomes)

Housing (all are applications are for housing improvements that will benefit people with low or moderate incomes)

Duluth Property Rehab Program/Housing Service Center – HRA	\$ 750,659
CAD IDA Housing Counseling/Downpyt Assist. - Community Action	\$ 55,000
Duluth Weatherization Program - AEOA	\$ 171,320

Economic Development (all applications will create full-time jobs or assist businesses to create jobs to be filled by persons having low or moderate incomes at the time of employment)

SOAR Duluth At Work – SOAR Career Solutions	\$ 120,000
CHUM Support Services for Employment – CHUM	\$ 80,000
NYS JET (Jobs, Education & Training) – Neighborhood Youth Services	\$ 24,000
Growing Neighborhood Businesses – Northeast Entrepreneur Fund	\$ 64,000
Futures Program – Life House	\$ 32,000
Circles of Support – Community Action	\$ 64,000

Public Facility Improvements (all applications will provide improvements to neighborhoods having a majority of persons with low and moderate incomes)

Soup Kitchen Renovation – Damiano Center	\$ 325,000
Lincoln Park School Redevelopment – Boys & Girls Club	\$ 29,500

Street Assessment Assistance – Community Development \$ 105,000

Public Service

(all applications will provide programs or services to persons with low or moderate incomes) Federal regulations stipulate a maximum of 15% of grant funds to public service applications.)

Duluth Hunger Project - CHUM	\$ 73,000
Primary Health Care Services - Lake Superior Community Health Ctr	\$ 75,000
Clothes that Work & Social Services – Damiano Center	\$ 20,000
Emergency Heating Assistance - Salvation Army	\$ 24,000
Feeding Kids through Youth Services – Life House	\$ 24,000
LIFELINE Expressway of Youth Services – Life House	\$ 35,000
Homeless Stabilization Services for Shelter – CHUM	\$ 34,000
Safe Haven Shelter Programs – Safe Haven Shelter	\$ 20,000
Oshki Transitional Housing Services Program – AICHO	\$ 5,000
Transitional Housing Services Program – Center City Housing Corp.	\$ 22,000
Transitional Housing Services Program – MACV-Duluth	\$ 15,000
Family Transitional Housing Services Program - Salvation Army	\$ 20,000
Permanent Supportive Housing Services Prog.– Center City Housing	\$ 18,000

Planning

Program Administration – CD Division	\$ 493,580
Neighborhood Revitalization Planning – CD Division	\$ 20,000
HOME Program Administration – CD Division	\$ 53,600
ESGP Program Administration – CD Division	\$ 5,000
HOME TBRA Administration – Duluth HRA	\$ 18,300

HOME Investment Partnerships Program - Proposed Year 2012 Funding Recommendations

Homeless Rental Assistance Program (TBRA) – Duluth HRA	\$ 104,500
Housing Predevelopment – NCLT	\$ 15,000
Housing Predevelopment – Center City Housing Corp.	\$ 15,000
Multi-Family Development – NCLT	\$ 200,000
Rehabilitation & Resale – NCLT	\$ 313,500

Emergency Solutions Grants Program - Proposed Year 2012 Funding Recommendations

CHUM Emergency Shelter Program – CHUM	\$ 31,124
Safe Haven Shelter Operations - Shelter for Battered Women	\$ 19,578
Transitional Housing Operations – Center City Housing Corp.	\$ 30,622
Youth Transitional Housing Operations – Life House	\$ 7,530
MACV Transitional Housing Operations - MACV-Duluth	\$ 4,518

Family Transitional Housing Operations – Salvation Army

\$ 26,606

There is a 30-day public review period on this Draft Plan and the funding recommendations which runs from November 1 – December 2, 2011. Copies of the Plan are available at the City of Duluth Community Development Division (Room 407 City Hall), Duluth City Clerk's Office (Room 330 City Hall), the Duluth Public Library and all branches of the library. Also included in the Consolidated Plan is an analysis of impediments to Fair Housing.

A public hearing will be held by the CD Committee at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 6, 2011, in Room 303 - 3rd Floor - City Hall. The purpose of the public hearing is for citizens to comment on the Draft Plan and the funding recommendations. Members of the public, especially persons having low and moderate incomes, persons of Color, and persons with disabilities, are encouraged to attend and comment on the 2012 Action Plan.

For more information or to forward comments on this Draft Plan, contact:

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A brief summary of the funding recommendations is available on the City's website, please visit <http://www.duluthmn.gov/planning/cd/index.cfm>.

If you have special needs, such as an interpreter, please contact the Community Development Division at 730-5480 so that your needs can be accommodated.

For hearing impaired persons please call the City's TTY/Information Assistance at 730-5000 or the Minnesota Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529.