

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
and
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
For
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT to 2015 AND 2016 ANNUAL ACTION PLANS**

A Substantial Amendment to the 2015 and 2016 Annual Action Plans for the Town's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) as proposed under the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan for the Town of Amherst.

A. SUMMARY:

The Town of Amherst has adopted Action Plans on behalf of the Amherst, Cheektowaga and Tonawanda (ACT) HOME Consortium for FY 2015 and 2016 through Community Development to support and promote the goals and objectives of its current Five Year Consolidated Plan. This Plan is the guide by which the Town addresses the housing and public service needs of the community through the Federal Block Grant funds and HOME funds awarded to the Town and HOME Consortium, respectively. The 2015-2019 Five Year Plan guides the use of these funds allocated during this timeframe and was prepared by professional consultants.

Amherst Community Development is requesting to amend and delete activities from the 2015 and 2016 Annual Action Plans which allocated funding to the Family Justice Center of Erie County, in the amount of \$1,739.00; the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program, in the amount of \$12,411.00; and the CDBG Community Policing Program, in the amount of \$6,850.00. As Family Justice Center, CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program and CDBG Community Policing Program are unable to utilize their complete allocations, said funds will be allocated to 2015 and 2016 CDBG ADA Curb Cut projects according to the corresponding FY timeframes outlined below, in order to repair and install handicapped accessible sidewalk ramps within the Town of Amherst.

Amend 2015 and 2016 Annual Action Plans:

1. Decrease FY2015 CDBG Family Justice Center funding from \$2,500.00 to \$761.00.
2. Decrease FY2015 CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program funding from \$46,754.00 to \$34,343.00.
3. Increase FY2015 CDBG ADA Curb Cuts funding to add project funds from the 2015 Family Justice and Housing Rehab Program funding. \$14,150.00
4. Delete FY2016 CDBG Community Policing. \$6,850.00
5. Add a FY2016 CDBG ADA Curb Cuts project line, and add project funds from the 2016 Community Policing funding. \$6,850.00

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Public comment period on this amendment will be held from March 29, 2017 to April 28, 2017. Copies of the amendment are available at the following locations during business hours:

- ❖ Amherst Town Clerk's Office and Amherst Planning Department, both offices located at 5583 Main Street, Williamsville.
- ❖ Williamsville Village Clerk's Office, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville.
- ❖ Williamsville Branch Library, 5571 Main Street, Williamsville.
- ❖ Clearfield Branch Library, 770 Hopkins Road, Williamsville.
- ❖ Eggertsville-Snyder Branch Library, 4622 Main Street, Amherst.
- ❖ Audubon Branch Library, 350 John James Audubon Parkway, West Amherst.

The amendment can also be viewed on the Town's website:

www.amherst.ny.us/communitydevelopment

B. PUBLIC HEARING:

A Public Hearing will be scheduled for the Town Board meeting of May 8, 2017 at Amherst Town Hall 5583 Main Street Williamsville, NY at 7:00pm.

Interpreters for non-English speaking persons or the hearing impaired will be available upon request at the meetings. If you are in need of such special arrangements, please contact the Amherst Planning Department at 631-7082, seven (7) business days in advance of the hearing. The hearing location is accessible to persons with disabilities.

Questions or requests for further information regarding the amendment to the 2015 & 2016 Action Plans may be directed to Laurie Stillwell at 631-7082 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please direct written comments to Town of Amherst Community Development, 5583 Main Street, Williamsville, NY 14221, or e-mail to: communitydevelopment@amherst.ny.us. **Written comments must be received by April 28, 2017 before 5:00 p.m.**

Barry A. Weinstein, Supervisor
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