

**CITY OF WATERTOWN, NEW YORK  
NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD  
FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM  
DRAFT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2024**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Watertown, NY (the City) has prepared its Draft Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2024 for its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The publication of this notice is the beginning of the 30-day public review period required under Federal Regulation 24 CFR 91.105 (b) (2). The public review and written comment period begins on April 15, 2024, and concludes on May 15, 2024.

The Draft Annual Action Plan identifies how the City intends to use CDBG funds provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Annual Action Plan covers Program Year 2024. The primary strategy of the City’s Annual Action Plan is to improve livability in the City’s residential neighborhoods that are inhabited by low- and moderate-income persons. The plan proposes to do this by improving the quality of the housing stock, increasing home ownership opportunities, eliminating blight, and improving public infrastructure. The plan also addresses other important community development needs including Fair Housing, support of public services, homeless prevention and environment and quality of life enrichment.

For Program Year 2024, the City proposes the utilization of grant funds to implement the following programs and activities. Please note that the overall budget, as well as the individual project budgets, are estimates only at this time. Once HUD informs the City of the actual funding amount for 2024, the individual project budgets will be updated according to the contingency plan outlined in the Draft Annual Action Plan.

**CDBG Program Year 2024 Proposed Budget**

**Sources**

Program Year 2024 Entitlement Grant (estimated)	\$925,000
<b>Total Funds Available for Allocation</b>	<b>\$925,000</b>

**Proposed Uses**

Huntington Street Water Main Replacement Project	\$500,000
ADA Ramp & Sidewalk Replacement Project 2024	\$125,000
Northwest Target Area Tree Planting Project 2024	\$15,000
531 Bradley Street Demolition Project	\$65,000
Homebuyer Program 2024	\$140,000
518 Pine St. Transitional Housing SRO Program 2024	\$25,000
Fair Housing Education	\$5,000
WCSD Food for Families (Backpack) Program	\$8,000
Program Administration	\$42,000
<b>Total Funds Proposed for Allocation</b>	<b>\$925,000</b>

Full copies of the Draft Annual Action Plan are available for public viewing at the City Clerk's Office or the City's Planning & Community Development Department located at 245 Washington St., at the Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library located at 229 Washington St., and at the Watertown Housing Authority Offices located at 142 Mechanic St. Any interested person may also request that a free copy of the plan be mailed to them. A copy can also be viewed at the City's website, <https://www.watertown-ny.gov/CDBGPublicCommentOpportunities>

The City will place the draft plan in a format accessible to persons with disabilities or non-English speaking individuals, upon request. Contact the City Planning Department at the address or phone number below if special arrangements are needed or to request a mailed copy of the draft plan.

Comments on the Annual Action Plan will be accepted through May 15, 2024. Interested parties may contact the Planning Department by phone with comments or may submit them in writing. The Planning Department can be reached by phone at (315) 785-7741, by mail at 245 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601, or by email at [planning@watertown-ny.gov](mailto:planning@watertown-ny.gov).

Michael A. Lumbis  
Planning and Community Development Director