

**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 2025**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Watertown, NY (the City) has prepared its Draft Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2025 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 June 4, 2025, and concludes on July 4, 2025.

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) and covers Program Year 2025. 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 increasing home ownership opportunities and improving public facilities and infrastructure. The plan also addresses other important community development needs including Fair Housing, support of public services, and environment and quality of life enrichment.

For Program Year 2025, the City proposes the utilization of grant funds to implement the following programs and activities.

CDBG Program Year 2025 Proposed Budget

Sources

Program Year 2025 Entitlement Grant	\$860,088
Total Funds Available for Allocation	\$860,088

Proposed Uses

Homebuyer Program 2025	\$215,000
Division Street East Sidewalk Project	\$125,000
Black River Trail Western Extension Project	\$450,000
Fair Housing Education	\$5,000
Watertown Urban Mission Food Pantry	\$8,000
WCSD Food for Families (Backpack) Program	\$8,000
Program Administration	\$49,088
Total Funds Proposed for Allocation	\$860,088

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 July 4, 2025. 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.

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