



CDBG

Community Development Block Grant

City of Gastonia, NC

Amendment to the FY2014-15 and FY2015-16 Annual Action Plans

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Cover Sheet

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Introduction

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program is a flexible program that provides states and units of local government with financial resources to develop viable communities. Grants are provided annually on a formula basis. With the use of these funds, local governments are able to providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and opportunities to expand economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.

The *City of Gastonia* is an entitlement community and Participating Jurisdiction (PJ) that annually receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This is the first amendment to the fifth year of the 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan known as the FY2014-15 Annual Action Plan, and the first amendment to the first year of the 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan known as the FY2015-16 Annual Action Plan.

Purpose

The purpose of this proposed amendment to the FY2014-15 and FY2015-16 Annual Action Plans is to:

1. *Fulfill federal requirements*
2. *Provide information to the residents of the City of Gastonia.*

An amendment is necessary to allow the change in use of federal HUD funding as required by *Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 91.505*. The purpose of this amendment is to describe the City's proposed change in use of CDBG funds.

A substantial amendment to an Annual Action Plan generally involves:

1. *Deleting activities which will not be completed;*
2. *Deleting an activity that became ineligible after HUD's Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) percentage updates; and/or*
3. *Reallocating unspent funds from projects completed under budget as described in the 2010-15 and 2015-2020 Consolidated Plans and require a substantial amendment to the FY2014-15 and FY2015-16 Annual Action Plans.*

Funds are being transferred to eligible neighborhood revitalization and affordable housing activities that can be spent in a timely manner on projects which are the most feasible, meet federal objectives and prioritizes the needs of low- to moderate-income citizens within the community.

Citizens Participation Review

Citizen participation is a requirement of the CDBG Program (24CFR91.105). The City executed the Citizen Participation Plan and provides opportunity for public input throughout the development and approval of the amendment. Citizens are encouraged to engage in public discussion and are notified of both the public hearing and public comment period via the local newspaper publication, *The Gaston Gazette*, and postings on the City's website <http://www.cityofgastonia.com> on the events calendar and on the Housing and Neighborhoods Division web page.

Notice of Public Hearing

February 29, 2016 – 5:30 PM

City of Gastonia Council Chamber

181 S. South Street

Gastonia, NC 28052

A public hearing will be held to review the City of Gastonia's proposed First Substantial Amendment to its FYs 2014-15 and 2015-16 Annual Action Plan(s). The public hearing will provide an opportunity for residents to comment on the proposed action.

30-Day Public Comment Period

Notice of 30-Day Public Comment Period

February 29, 2016 – March 29, 2016

A 30 day public comment period regarding the City's proposed First Substantial Amendment to its FY2014-15 and FY2015-16 Annual Action Plan(s). Approval of the proposed amendment is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 5, 2016, at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting to be held at 6:00 PM at City Hall Council Chambers, 181 S. South Street, Gastonia, NC 28052.

Proposed Amendment for Available Funds for FY2014-15 and FY2015-16 Annual Action Plans

Proposed activities are eligible per 24 CFR 570.201 of the CDBG Entitlement Program regulations and comply with the national objective to benefit low- and moderate-income persons as low- to moderate income clientele.

- *Activity Name:* *Public Infrastructure*
- *Narrative:* *Provide public infrastructure assistance at two (2) area neighborhood park facilities (Smyre Park and I.C. Falls Park) to install playground equipment.*
- *Strategic Goal:* *Provide public infrastructure*
- *Matrix Code:* *03E Neighborhood Facilities
03F Park Recreational Facilities*
- *Objective:* *Provide a safe environment for children to play*

City of Gastonia, Amendment to FY2014-15 and FY2015-16 Annual Action Plans

JURISDICTION/GRANTEE: City of Gastonia		FUNDING SOURCE: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)			DATE: February 29, 2016
ACTIVITY NAME	ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY (REGULATORY OR HCDA CITATION)	NATIONAL OBJECTIVE CITATION	CDBG PROJECT BUDGET (\$)	TOTAL ACTIVITY BUDGET
CURRENT ACTIVITY: FY14-15 Section 108 Loan Repayment	Loan Repayment on Section 108 Loan Programs	570.201(e)		\$308,000	\$308,000
CURRENT ACTIVITY: FY15-16 Section 108 Loan Repayment	Loan Repayment on Section 108 Loan Programs	570.201(e)		\$152,035	\$152,035
PROPOSED ACTIVITY: Public Infrastructure	Replace deteriorating playground equipment at recreation and neighborhood facilities <i>The City of Gastonia is proposing the utilization of \$200,000 originally designed for Section 108 Loan Payments to be transferred and used for Public Infrastructure</i>	570.201(c)	LMA	\$200,000	\$200,000

Detailed Summary of Proposed Amendment

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION	PROPOSED COSTS
I.C. Falls Park - Install Playground Structure	\$75,000
Smyre Millennial Park – Install Playground Structure	\$75,000

Available Funds

The City’s CDBG Annual Action Plans include eligible activities to be funded during a program year. Fiscal year funding is to be expended on activities as described in the Annual Action Plan. Per the City’s plans, unspent funds are to be reallocated to eligible activities. The following table lists the unspent funds to be reprogrammed by this amendment:

YEAR	ANNUAL ACTION PLAN ACTIVITY	ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FUNDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT AMOUNT TO FUND NEW ACTIVITY
2014-15	Section 108 Loan Repayment	\$308,000.00	\$ 78,000.00
2015-16	Section 108 Loan Repayment	\$152,035.00	\$122,000.00