The City of Elyria, Ohio receives federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to implement various housing, economic development, and community activities. Included in these funds is the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The CDBG program is subject to various HUD regulations, including the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports (CAPER). These regulations can be found at 24 CFR Part 91. Contained within the federal regulations, the City must conform to citizen participation requirements.

The City of Elyria, Ohio follows an extensive citizen participation process in the development of the CDBG Annual Action Plan and Consolidated Plan. Citizen participation will be provided in a manner which encourages all citizens to have every opportunity to communicate ideas for their neighborhoods and City. All citizen participation will be conducted in an open matter. The City will allow a period not less than 30 days, in accordance to the Citizen Participation Plan, for public review and comment. The City will provide timely, written answers to written complaints and grievances, within 15 days, where practical.

Prior to the submission of any substantial change in the proposed use of funds, citizens will have reasonable notice of, and opportunity to comment on, the proposed amendment. A substantial change occurs whenever the City decides (1) not to carry out an activity previously described, (2) to carry out an activity not previously described, or (3) to substantially change the purpose, scope, location or beneficiaries of an activity. Also, should proposed expenditures in any of the above line items lead to surpassing the total amount, for that particular line item, by more than 10%, such an addition would be classified as a substantial change.

In accordance with the City of Elyria’s Citizen Participation Plan, Community Development staff prepared the following schedule for the proposed substantial amendment to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) PY 2014 Annual Action Plan.

- January 2, 2015- Publish notice of intent to substantially amend annual action plan in the Chronicle Telegram and post at the Community Development Office, 131 Court St., Suite 302, Elyria, OH 44035. Notice will also be published on the City’s website at www.cityofelyria.org.
- January 26, 2015- Conduct public hearing to substantially amend annual action plan
- February 2, 2015- Amendment to Council for approval

The following notice was submitted for publication in the Chronicle Telegram on January 5, 2015.
City of Elyria
Notice of Public Hearing
Substantial Amendment to the Program Year 2014 CDBG Annual Action Plan

A public hearing will be held on **Monday, January 26, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., at the City of Elyria Council Chambers, 131 Court St., Elyria, OH 44035**, to obtain the views of citizens concerning approval of a substantial amendment to the City of Elyria’s Community Development Block Grant Program Year 2014 Annual Action Plan.

The proposed amendment will be available for public viewing at the City of Elyria Community Development Office, Suite 302, Elyria, OH 44035 or an electronic version will be available at [www.cityofelyria.org](http://www.cityofelyria.org).

The proposed changes are as follows:

1. Reduce the Revolving Loan Fund activities $50,000, for a revised budget of $52,225.00.
2. Creation of a new activity
   - **Activity Name:** Economic Development
   - **National Objective:** Slum & Blight/Low-Mod Income Job Creation
   - **Budget:** $50,000.00
   - **Projected Start/End Date:** Multi-year
   - **Location Description:** City-wide
   - **Activity Description:** CDBG funds will be utilized for the acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of commercial/industrial buildings, land and related costs.

Please be notified that you are invited to attend the public hearing to present your comments to the proposed changes. If you are unable to attend, you may send your comments in writing to the City of Elyria, Office of Community Development, Suite 302, Elyria, OH 44035. All comments must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. February 2, 2015.

Those persons needing assistance, or with special needs, must contact the Office of the Council Clerk at 440-326-1550 seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting to make the necessary arrangements.

Forrest L. Bullocks
Council Clerk

CT 1.5.2015
Summary:

The City of Elyria has allocated CDBG funding in the Revolving Loan Fund for businesses located in the Downtown area. The funding offers low interest loans to business owners for exterior improvements to the buildings or for working capital. In 2014, the City formed a non-profit Community Improvement Corporation which allows the City to acquire and control properties that it wants to redevelop for the purpose of job creation and community revitalization.

The City has immediate challenges and opportunities in the Community Reinvestment Areas in our Downtown, Midway, and industrial campuses. The Community Improvement Corporation will utilize CDBG funds to effectively address these issues in accordance with CDBG Federal Regulations.

Proposed Amendment #1:

Decrease RLF Activities by $50,000.00

1. Activity Name: RLF - 1
2. Activity Type: 18A- ED Direct Financial Assistance to For-Profits
3. National Objective: Slum & Blight
4. Proposed Budget: $25,000.00
5. Projected Start Date: March 1, 2014
6. Projected End Date: February 28, 2016
7. Responsible Organization: City of Elyria
8. Location Description: Downtown Elyria
9. Activity Description: CDBG funds are utilized to incentive the location of new businesses, business expansion and or business retention within the downtown by offering a low interest loan to business owners to renovate the exterior of the building.

1. Activity Name: RLF - 2
2. Activity Type: 18A- ED Direct Financial Assistance to For-Profits
3. National Objective: LMJ
4. Proposed Budget: $25,225.00
5. Projected Start Date: March 1, 2014
6. Projected End Date: February 28, 2016
7. Responsible Organization: City of Elyria
8. Location Description: Downtown Elyria
9. Activity Description: CDBG funds are utilized to incentive the location of new businesses, business expansion and or business retention within the downtown by offering a low interest loan to business owners for working capital.

Create New Activity – Economic Development

1. Activity Name: Economic Development
2. Activity Type:
3. National Objective: Slum & Blight/ Low-Mod Job Creation
4. Proposed Budget: $50,000.00
5. Projected Start/End Date: Multi-year
6. Responsible Organization: City of Elyria
7. Location Description: City-wide
8. Activity Description: CDBG funds will be utilized for the acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of commercial/industrial buildings, land and related costs to incentive the location of new businesses, business expansion, or business retention.