



CITY OF BETHLEHEM

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Dear Members of Council:

Attached please find the final budget and program list for the 2016 CDBG/HOME awards. HUD released the official allocations to each grantee last week, and we were pleased to find that Bethlehem is receiving \$1,276,895 in CDBG funds and \$352,832 in HOME funds. When I presented the anticipated budget back in the fall, I had used the historically accurate 10% reduction per year to make an educated guess at the 2016 award amounts. In reality, Bethlehem wound up with \$233,950 additional in CDBG funds and \$42,832 additional HOME funds over what was included in the presented budget.

Because of this unexpected increase in funding, we have modified the budget to award slightly higher amounts to certain applicants. Additionally, we have awarded \$147,850 to the Redevelopment Authority to fund a blight elimination program. As we become more aggressive in blighting properties, we find there is no incentive for property owners to relinquish the property when we have no funds to offer. Using a small portion of our CDBG award to acquire these blighted structures allows the City to prevent further deterioration in these neighborhoods.

The updated budget is scheduled to be presented to the Finance Committee on March 9th. The Community Development Committee will review the inclusion of the new blight program on March 15th, immediately prior to the full Council Meeting. If you have any questions about the updates, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Allyson Lysaght".

Allyson Lysaght, J.D.
Housing and Community Development Planner

Public Services: Capped at 15% or \$191,534 (Now at \$185,395)

Administration/Planning: Capped at 20% or \$225,379 (Now at \$190,000)

Organization	Use of Funds	Requested	Award	Final Allocation
New Bethany	Support for the Representative Payee Program	\$40,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
New Bethany	Building Renovations	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
YMCA	Major building renovations	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Hispanic Center	Renovations of both 502 & 520 E. Fourth Street	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
South Side Vision	Façade & Weatherization Program	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
LVCLT	Streetscape improvements on Hayes St.	\$14,900	\$14,900	\$14,900
LVCIL	Support for the PLACE program to find suitable housing for disabled residents	\$25,000	\$15,000	\$20,000
The Salvation Army	Support for the Rental Assistance Program	\$25,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
ShareCare	Support for eldercare in-home services to City residents	\$10,000	\$7,000	\$8,000
NorthPenn Legal	Fair Housing counseling, seminars and advocacy services	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Moravian Development Corporation	Renovation of the Senior Center	\$178,750	\$178,750	\$178,750
Recreation Coordinator	Salary support for the South Side Recreation Coordinator	\$32,295	\$32,295	\$32,395
Redevelopment Authority	Money for acquisition & related activities for blighted properties. (\$10,000 in admin included)	\$0	\$147,850	\$147,850
Parks	Park improvements benefitting low/moderate residents.	\$0	\$135,000	\$150,000
Public Works/Street improvements	Street overlays/curb cuts for low/moderate areas	\$0	\$145,000	\$175,000
Police Department	Police overtime for low/moderate census tracts	\$75,000	\$70,000	\$75,000
Health Bureau	Support of the Dental Program	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
911 Center	Camera replacements	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Parks & Public Property	Support of Park Planning Study	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Community Development Consulting	Triad Associates consulting services	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
ED Market Study	Assess Market Conditions Downtown	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Program Administration	Overall project and program administration	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$110,000
TOTAL REQUESTS		\$815,945	\$1,190,795	\$1,276,895

HOME	Use of Funds	Requested / Revised Amt.	
New Bethany	Acquisiton of homes for affordable housing	\$250,000	\$150,000
YMCA	Replacement of boiler, HVAC system	\$60,000	\$67,549
LVCLT	Rehabilitation of two homes	\$100,000	\$100,000
HOME Admin		\$0	\$35,283
TOTAL REQUESTS		\$410,000	\$352,832