



REVISED PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF BENTON HARBOR'S DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DRAFT FY 2018 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND SIGNIFICANT AMENDMENTS TO FY 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND INDIVIDUALS:

The Annual Action Plan is a requirement of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that specifies the fiscal year activities and funding levels to be undertaken to meet the housing and community development priorities established in the Consolidated Plan. On May 1, 2018, HUD announced that the City of Benton Harbor will be receiving \$437,748 dollars through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program during FY2018-2019. Approximately \$488,000 in carryover funds will also be programmed through this Annual Action Plan.

The City will also be reviewing significant amendments to the FY 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017 Annual Action Plans with the goal of reprogramming funds to existing and newly proposed activities in order to spend down its CDBG funds and meet HUD's timeliness ratio requirement by May, 2019.

The first of two Public Hearings was held at a special meeting of the Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting on June 12, 2018 at 5:30 pm.

A second Public Hearing will be conducted at the regularly scheduled City Commission meeting on July 16 to review public comments received during a 30-day public review period (June 13 to July 13, 2018) of the draft FY 2018 Annual Action Plan and the proposed changes to the FY 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017 Annual Action Plans; and to provide interested persons and community groups with one last opportunity to share their thoughts regarding the Plan and the CDBG Program activities being proposed for FY 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and FY 2018. After all public comments have been considered at the Public Hearing on August 6, 2018, the City Commission will adopt the FY 2018 Action Plan and changes to the FY 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 Annual Action Plans and proposed CDBG Program funding recommendations. The draft FY 2018 Annual Action Plan and proposed changes to the FY 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017 Annual Action Plans are available for review at the Community & Economic Development Department in City Hall at 200 E. Wall Street, Benton Harbor, MI 49022.

Public participation is an essential part in the development of the Annual Action Plan. Interested persons and community groups are invited to attend and participate at the hearing. The Public Hearing will be held at the City of Benton Harbor, Lula Lee Commission Chambers, located at 200 E. Wall Street, Benton Harbor, MI 49022. For more information regarding this process, please contact the Community & Economic Development Department at (269) 3927-8420.

Honorable Marcus Muhammad, Mayor

Darwin Watson, City Manager

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