

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA
FY 2015 AND FY 2016 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
PROGRAM SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING
A NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION STRATEGY AREA (NRSA)**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, PA will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 5:30 PM at the Kingsley Center, 6435 Frankstown Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15206. The Kingsley Center is accessible to persons with physical disabilities. If special arrangements need to be made to accommodate residents in order for them to participate in the public hearing, please contact Ms. Kelli Dixon at (412) 255-2212. The telephone number for the hearing impaired is 7-1-1.

The purpose of this public hearing is to present the substantial amendments to the City of Pittsburgh's FY 2015-2019 Five Year Consolidated Plan and the FY 2015 and FY 2016 Annual Action Plans for the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

The City of Pittsburgh adopted its FY 2015-2019 Five Year Consolidated Plan and FY 2015 Annual Action Plan on April 10, 2015 and its FY 2016 Annual Action Plan on April 12, 2016. In accordance with CDBG program regulations, the City is allowed to make substantial amendments to its Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans in accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan.

The City has determined that it is necessary to amend the approved CDBG Program for two (2) previously approved program years for FY 2015 and FY 2016. These substantial amendments are necessary for the establishment of a Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) to coincide with the Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant program underway in the Lincoln/Larimer Neighborhood of the City of Pittsburgh. The geographic boundaries of the NRSA are the same as the Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant area.

Under the CDBG program, grantees may designate local target areas for revitalization. The Federal Register, published on January 5, 1995, authorized entitlement grantees to develop comprehensive approaches to address economic development and housing needs in a designated neighborhood within their community, known as a Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA). Communities with approved NRSA's are offered enhanced flexibility in undertaking economic development, housing, and public service activities with their CDBG funds. This flexibility is designed to promote innovative programs in economically disadvantaged areas of the community.

This is considered a substantial amendment in accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan as the following applies: the establishment of an NRSA and the addition to the strategies and goals outlined in the City's Five Year Consolidated Plan.

Copies of the Substantial Amendments are on display for viewing by the public for a period of 30 days beginning on Thursday, April 20, 2017 and ending on Monday, May 22, 2017. Copies of the plans may be examined during normal hours of operation at the following locations:

Department of City Planning
200 Ross Street, Second Floor
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Urban Redevelopment Authority
200 Ross Street, Tenth Floor
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh
200 Ross Street, Ninth Floor
Pittsburgh, Pa 15219

The Substantial Amendments are also on the City of Pittsburgh's website (<http://pittsburghpa.gov/dcp/community-development/cdbg>).

All interested residents are encouraged to attend this public hearing and they will be given the opportunity to present oral or written testimony concerning the proposed amendments to the FY 2015-2019 Five Year Consolidated Plan and the FY 2015 and FY 2016 Annual Action Plans. All comments received by Monday, May 22, 2017 will be considered by the City of Pittsburgh prior to the submission of the Substantial Amendments to HUD. Written or oral comments may be directed to the City of Pittsburgh's Department of City Planning, attention Michael Petrucci, Assistant Director for Community Development, 200 Ross Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. The phone number is (412) 255-2211, fax number is (412) 393-0151, and the TDD number is (412) 255-2222.

Mr. Michael Petrucci, Assistant Director for Community Development