



# CITY OF NEW HAVEN

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## AN OPEN LETTER TO THE CITIZENS OF NEW HAVEN:

The City of New Haven will initiate the application process for its 2017-2018 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development Programs - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) - by hosting a public meeting on:

***Wednesday, October 26, 2016  
165 Church Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
10:30-12:00, Meeting Rooms 1&2***

It is a **requirement** that a senior-level representative of interested 501(c)3 agencies, **not funded** in the 2016-2017 program year, **must attend** the scheduled meeting. Agencies funded during program year 2016-2017 are also welcome to attend the meeting. During the public meeting, applications will be distributed and City staff will provide an application overview; discuss regulatory requirements, highlight past performance; and discuss future goals, objectives and funding priorities. The priorities for program year 2017-2018 are: evidence-based positive youth development activities; job training/employment opportunities; public safety and neighborhood revitalization with particular focus on anti-blight activities; homelessness prevention and re-housing; and the support of construction-ready affordable housing preservation and neighborhood commercial and economic development projects. Eligible applications will be required to demonstrate an ability to leverage additional funding from other sources, demonstrate concrete deliverables within the funding year and form meaningful partnerships with area agencies. Funds that are awarded for public improvements and housing development must be spent within two years, otherwise the appropriation will be subject to reprogramming. City staff will also be available to discuss administrative requirements for performance, accountability, transparency and outcomes.

The legislative intent of these federally funded programs is to support activities that benefit extremely low, low and moderate income persons and households (between 0% and 80% of the area median income) as part of an overall community development effort. The City of New Haven seeks to ensure that the federal resources provided are utilized in a logical, directed fashion, in combination with other resources to accomplish the goals, objectives and priorities created through its citizen participation process.

The application includes a list of eligible activities, City-specific objectives and identified funding priorities that are consistent with federal eligibility guidelines and the City's Five Year Consolidated Plan. The goals, objectives and priorities included in the application will guide the City's funding allocations for program year 2017-2018.

The deadline for submitting complete applications to the Office of Management & Budget, 165 Church Street, 3rd Floor, will be 5:00 p.m., Monday, November 21, 2016. No applications will be accepted by

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OMB after the deadline. NO EXCEPTIONS. Applications that are incomplete or duplicated applications previously submitted will be rejected without appeal. Applications will be available on the city's website [www.cityofnewhaven.com](http://www.cityofnewhaven.com) under Government / Budgets & Finance / Consolidated Plan or in the Office of Management and Budget as of October 26, 2016.

Following an administrative review period, recommendations will be submitted to the Board of Alders and referred to the Joint Committee on Community Development and Human Services for consideration. The recommendations will also be considered as part of the City's overall budget request for General, Special and Capital Budget Funds for FY 2017-2018. Public hearings to receive citizens' comments will be scheduled by the Joint Community Development and Human Services Aldermanic Committee. In addition, those agencies that were funded for program year 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 will not be required to testify at the public hearing unless they are notified to attend by the Joint Aldermanic Committee.

Concurrently, the City has also recently completed the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) for FY 2015-2016. The CAPER, the 2015-2019 Five Year Consolidated Plan and the 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan are available for public review at the following Community Substations by contacting the Substation's District Manager:

Downtown	165 Church Street
Westville	329 Valley Street
Hill South	410 Howard Avenue
Dwight/Chapel	150 Edgewood Avenue
Hill North	88-90 Hallock Street
Dixwell	28 Charles Street
Newhallville	596 Winchester Avenue
Fair Haven	295 Blatchley Avenue
East Shore	830 Woodward Avenue
Beaver Hills	386 Whalley Avenue

Copies are also available for review at the City Town Clerk's Office, the New Haven Public Library (Main Branch), the City's Economic Development Administrator's Office, Livable City Initiative, and the Office of Management & Budget. All of these documents are also available for viewing on the City's web page ([www.cityofnewhaven.com](http://www.cityofnewhaven.com) under Government / Budgets & Finance / Consolidated Plan). Any public comments should be directed to the Office of Management & Budget, 165 Church Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, New Haven, CT 06510.

As stated above, it is **required** that a senior-level representative of interested 501(c)3 agencies, **not funded** in the current 2016-2017 program year, **must attend** the scheduled meeting or the application **will not** be considered for funding.

I look forward to your participation in our community development process.

Very truly yours,



Toni N. Harp  
Mayor, City of New Haven