

City of Rome

2016 Annual Action Plan Summary

Community Development Block Grant

The City of Rome has been awarded \$ 926,572.00 in Entitlement Funding (EN) by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development for the 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program year; the primary objective of the CDBG Program is the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low to moderate income.

The City of Rome determines its spending priorities each year by conducting public outreach efforts through public meetings and surveys, consultation with local organizations, and its Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC), which is comprised of three City Councilors and one constituent from each of the City's seven wards.

This year, the City of Rome will be committing \$ 926,572.00 to the following categories:

- Housing Activities
- Slum & Blight
- Public Facilities
- Public Services
- Economic Development
- Program Administration

This year's allocation will be focusing heavily on the improvement of West Rome, beginning with development along West Dominick Street. West Dominick Street is considered a Main Street Corridor, and is part of the Erie Boulevard Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA); which allows the City to leverage funding sources to provide a more substantial impact in the community. The 2016 CDBG entitlement will fund two hallmark projects for West Rome; the Residential Façade Program, and the SMART Walk Neighborhood Enhancement. The residential façade program will provide residents with funding to enhance the fronts of their homes, and the SMART Walk will be a neighborhood street, sidewalk, and beautification initiative which will greatly enhance the neighborhood, both functionally and aesthetically. The City would also like to dedicate a portion of its Economic Development funding for the Commercial Façade program to West Dominick Street.

In addition to the above, the City will also be committing funding towards managing slum and blight through targeted building demolitions, as well as funding for non-profit programming city-wide.

The City encourages public comments, and welcomes your input on the City's 2016 CDBG Annual Action Plan.

Sincerely,

Mayor Jacqueline M. Izzo