

## CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Niagara Falls Community Development  
**DATE:** March 6, 2019  
**RE:** **City Council Agenda Item:**  
**DRAFT U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 2019**  
**Consolidated Annual Action Plan**

### **Council Members:**

The City of Niagara Falls Department of Community Development requests Niagara Falls City Council approval of the draft Fiscal Year 2019 Community Development Consolidated Annual Action Plan. It is year five of the 2015-2019 Five Year Strategic Plan. Based on our projections, it consists of \$2,530,000 in federal investment, \$966,668 in non-municipal matching funds for a \$3,496,668 total leveraged plan. The draft FFY 2019 Consolidated Annual Action Plan consists of the following U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Program (ESG).

Draft 2019 CDBG Amount:	\$ 2,000,000
Draft 2019 HOME Amount:	\$ 335,000
Draft 2019 ESG Amount:	\$ 195,000

These budgets are presented to the City Council in draft form, based on estimated amounts, to accommodate the city and federal governments' differing fiscal year budget schedules. HUD's final FFY allocations are generally posted in the spring of each calendar year. A final schedule for 2019 has not yet been set by the federal government. The Niagara Falls Department of Community Development will request City Council approval of the final HUD allocations when those allocations are announced. Historically, draft budget estimates have been within 2 percent of final allocations.

The draft 2019 Consolidated Annual Action Plan was created through a fifteen week civic engagement process, which included online and print citizen surveys, five public meetings, one public hearing, and an online comment submission form. Public comments received during the civic engagement process are included in the supporting documentation. The Niagara Falls Community Development Department is confident that our process is a national model of transparent and well-explained public engagement and budgeting. Below is a list of major milestones in the public participation process:

### **Citizen Survey**

Opened October 9, 2018

Closed November 9, 2018

17 Respondents

14 Comments

*(Results and comments attached)*

**Neighborhood Planning Meetings**

Mon, Oct 22, 6:00 pm           Niagara Street Elementary – 2513 Niagara Street  
    3 Attendees  
Tue, Oct 23, 12:00 pm        LaSalle Public Library – 8728 Buffalo Ave  
    10 Attendees  
Thu, Oct 25, 6:30 pm         Doris Jones Family Resource Center – 3001-9th Street  
    1 Attendee  
Sat, Oct 27, 10:00 am        Carnegie Building – 1022 Main Street  
    4 Attendees  
18 Attendees Total

**Pizza with the Plan**

Tue, Jan 8, 6:00 pm           Carnegie Building – 1022 Main Street  
16 Attendees  
4 Comments  
*(Comments attached)*

**Public Hearing**

Wed, Jan 16, 6:00 pm         City Hall Council Chambers – 745 Main Street  
30 Attendees  
13 Speakers  
*(Minutes attached)*

**Other Comments**

One appeal letter from the Niagara Falls Housing Authority was received. No other public comments were received by the Department of Community Development via mail, hand delivery, email, or online submission.  
*(Letter attached)*

The action plan is not finalized until HUD allocations are posted and the City approves the action plan with the HUD-allocated amounts. Upon City Council approval, the draft 2019 Consolidated Annual Action Plan will be submitted to HUD for programmatic review and approval. Per HUD and City of Niagara Falls Citizen Participation Plan Guidelines, the city will adjust programmatic budgets to meet the final allocation without deviating from the project scopes or objectives already approved by the City Council.

Will the Council vote to approve the Draft 2019 Consolidated Annual Action Plan?

Respectfully submitted,

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