

CITY OF READING & COUNTY OF BERKS SUMMARY NOTICE CONSOLIDATED PLAN - FFY2013 ACTION PLANS

The Joint Consolidated Plan is a five year planning document that addresses housing and community development needs of Reading and Berks County. This summary is designed to give citizens, local governments, and interested organizations of the City and County an opportunity to comment on their Action Plans for Federal Fiscal Year 2013, the fifth and final year of the Joint Consolidated Plan.

COUNTY FFY2013 ACTION PLAN: The County proposes to adopt its Action Plan for Federal Fiscal Year 2013. For FFY2013, the County anticipates receiving approximately \$2,103,337 from the CDBG Program and \$10,000 in program income, \$470,560 from the HOME Program, and \$212,000 from the ESG Program. Activities proposed for funding include bridge improvements (\$809,266), redevelopment area activities (\$557,271), public improvements (\$250,000), operations and maintenance of emergency shelters (\$104,510), homeless prevention (\$91,590), development of affordable housing (\$150,000), owner-occupied housing rehabilitation (\$173,560), tenant-based rental assistance (\$85,000), planning (\$120,000), administration (\$314,700), and Section 108 loan payment (\$140,000). The estimated amount that will benefit low and moderate income persons for the CDBG Program is 80%. The County expects the displacement of 1 family and 1 business to occur as a result of the activities and the County will follow the regulations of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended.

READING FFY2013 ACTION PLAN: The City proposes to adopt its Action Plan for Federal Fiscal Year 2013. For FFY2013, the City anticipates receiving approximately \$2,300,000 from the CDBG Program, \$952,500 in payments from Section 108 loans, \$70,000 in CDBG program income, \$698,000 from the HOME Program, \$486,000 in HOME program income, \$265,000 from the ESG Program, and \$250,000 in NSP2 program income. Activities proposed for funding include emergency demolition (\$444,510), code enforcement (\$670,000), operations & maintenance of emergency shelters and essential services for homeless persons (\$140,225), homeless prevention activities (\$104,900), Section 108 loan payments (\$1,192,500), home buyer assistance (\$242,000), recreation improvements (\$250,000), home buyer rehabilitation (\$812,000), public services (\$291,490), planning & administration (\$623,875), and NSP2 residential acquisition, rehabilitation, & resale (\$250,000). The estimated amount to benefit low and moderate income persons for the CDBG Program is 76%. The City expects no displacement of families, individuals, or businesses to occur as a result of the activities. Should displacement occur as a result of any project or activity, the City will follow the regulations of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended.

PUBLIC REVIEW: This summary is designed to give citizens, local government officials, and interested organizations of the City and County an opportunity to comment on the Plans. Please submit written comments for the County's Plan to: Kenneth Pick, C.D. Director, County Services Center - 14th Floor, 633 Court Street, Reading, PA 19601 by November 2, 2012. Please submit written comments for the City's Plan to: Lenin Agudo, C.D. Director, Community Development Department, City Hall - 3rd Floor, 815 Washington Street, Reading, PA 19601 by November 7, 2012. Citizen Summaries of the City's Action Plan is available for public review and comment at the following locations:

Community Development Office City Hall, Office 3-06 815 Washington Street Reading	Office of the City Clerk City Hall 815 Washington Street Reading
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C. D. Office County Services Center - 14th Fl. 633 Court Street, Reading	Louisa Gonser Library 70 Bieber Alley, Kutztown	Fleetwood Area Library 110 West Arch Street, Fleetwood
C. D. Office City Hall, Office 3-06 815 Washington Street Reading	Village Library 207 N. Walnut Street, Morgantown	Penn State - Berks Thun Library Tulpehocken Road, Reading
Office of the City Clerk City Hall 815 Washington Street, Reading	Brandywine Library 60 Tower Drive, Topton	Albright College FW. Gingrich Library 13th & Exeter Streets, Reading
Reading Public Library 100 S. Fifth Street, Reading	Wernersville Wernersville Library 100 North Reber Street	Reading Area Community College
Robesonia Library 75-A South Brooke Street, Robesonia	Wyomissing Library 9 Reading Blvd., Wyomissing	Yocum Library 2nd & Penn Streets, Reading
Sinking Spring Library 3940 Penn Avenue, Sinking Spring	Muhlenberg Library 3612 Kutztown Road, Laureldale	Bethel-Tulpehocken Library 8601 Lancaster Avenue, Bethel
Boone Area Library 129 North Mill Street, Birdsboro	Schuylkill Valley Library 1310 Washington Road, Leesport	Alvernia College Library 400 St. Bernadine Street, Reading
Boyertown Library 29 E. Philadelphia Avenue, Boyertown	Mifflin Library 6 Philadelphia Avenue, Shillington	Exeter Library 4565 Prestwick Drive, Reading
Hamburg Library 35 N. Third Street, Hamburg	Bernville Area Library 6721 Bernville Road, Bernville	Spring Township Library 78C Commerce Drive, Sinking Spring
	West Lawn/Wyomissing Hills Library 101 Woodside Ave., West Lawn	The Berks County Bookmobile Womelsdorf Public Library 203 West High Street, Womelsdorf

The Plans will be made available again at the same locations after approval by HUD.

PUBLIC HEARING: The City of Reading and the County of Berks will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Boardroom, 13th Floor, County Services Center, 633 Court Street, Reading, PA. All citizens, public agencies and other interested parties may either attend this hearing or phone-in during the hearing to offer their views and comments on the proposed Plan. Persons requiring assistance due to hearing, speech, or vision impairments should notify the Berks County Community Development Office at 610-478-6325 or 610-478-6335 (TDD).

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: The City and County will be undertaking an evaluation of the activities to be funded in an effort to identify historic and archaeological resources that may be affected by the activities. By this Notice, the City and County invites interested parties who may have an interest in activities which may impact historic and archaeological resources to make themselves known. Parties should contact the Community Development Office, County Services Center, 14th Floor, 633 Court Street, Reading, PA 19601 610-478-6325 or 610-478-6335 (TDD). The City and County will involve such parties in the notification and review process of the National Advisory Council on Historic Preservation as set forth in 36 CFR Part 800.