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PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE HELD ON TOWN'S CDBG PROGRAM CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR 2015-2019

The Town of East Hartford will hold two public information meetings at which citizens and community organizations are invited to present their views and comments on the Town's housing and community development needs, including priority non-housing community development needs, prior to the development of the Town's 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan is required to meet HUD's application requirements for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The public hearings will also offer an opportunity to comment on the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) summarizing the CDBG activities for the 39th Program Year that ended August 31, 2014.

In anticipation of the development of the Consolidated Plan, the Town of East Hartford has established preliminary priorities as follows:

HOUSING PRIORITIES:

- Improve the supply and condition of one to four unit housing occupied by low income families in designated neighborhoods and throughout East Hartford, through the implementation of a housing rehabilitation program.
- Support the continued operation of East Hartford's homeless shelter with particular emphasis on the transition of homeless persons to permanent residents in the community.
- Provide fair housing services to the East Hartford community including, but not limited to, education and counseling services.

NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES:

- Revitalization of downtown or any other area through the promotion of economic development which increases available jobs to low and moderate income persons.

- Support efforts aimed at improving the physical, economic or social environment of low-moderate income neighborhoods.
- Physical improvements to parks and public facilities in deteriorating low and moderate income areas.
- Support the provision of public services which include, but are not limited to, those concerned with youth services, substance abuse, senior services, distribution of food, and handicapped accessibility.

The public hearings will be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. in the Town Hall Welling Conference Room, 2nd Floor, and at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room B, 2nd Floor (both handicapped accessible) located at 740 Main Street, East Hartford. ***Si necesita un interprete, llame a la Oficina de Grants al telefono (860) 291-7306 tres dias laborables antes de una audiencia.***

Citizens and organizations are invited to participate in the planning activities associated with the development of the Consolidated Plan by attending these public hearings and commenting on the above stated objectives. Persons unable to attend the public hearings who wish to express their opinions may call Christina Lessard at (860) 291-7306 (TDD/TDY users call Relay Connecticut 1-800-842-9710 or 7-1-1) or visit the Grants Administration Office in Town Hall, 740 Main Street, East Hartford, CT 06108, Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.