

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
CITY OF MARTINSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA
FY 2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Martinsburg, Berkeley County, WV will hold a public hearing on **Monday, December 15, 2014 at 5:30 PM**, prevailing time, in the J. Oakley Seibert Council Chambers, Martinsburg City Hall, 232 North Queen Street, Martinsburg, WV 25401. The Martinsburg City Hall and the J. Oakley Seibert Council Chambers are accessible to persons with physical disabilities. If special arrangements need to be made to accommodate residents in order for them to participate in the public hearing, please call Ms. Nancy Strine, Community Development Administrator, City of Martinsburg, at (304) 264-2131, ext 278 to make those arrangements.

The purpose of this public hearing is to discuss the City's Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and HOME Program funds through the Eastern Panhandle HOME Consortium, and the housing and community development and economic development needs of the City of Martinsburg, WV. Based on last year's funding, the City of Martinsburg expects to be notified by the U.S. Department of HUD that it is eligible to receive a CDBG entitlement grant in the amount of approximately \$268,583 for FY 2015. HOME funding for the Eastern Panhandle HOME Consortium should be approximately \$324,457 in FY 2015. These funding levels are contingent upon the final approval of the Federal Budget for FY 2015. The City doesn't anticipate notice of funding allocation until Spring of 2015. In order to receive those funds, the City of Martinsburg must prepare a One Year Annual Action Plan for the use of Federal funds. At least 70% of the CDBG funds must benefit low- and moderate-income persons living in the City of Martinsburg. The City will be preparing its CDBG and HOME application and it intends to afford citizens, local agencies, and interested parties the opportunity to become involved in the planning process.

The following types of activities may be eligible for funding under the CDBG program: Acquisition of property; disposition costs; improvements to public facilities, including the removal of architectural barriers; demolition and environmental clean-up; public services that are new or a quantifiable increase in the level of service; interim assistance; relocation payments for persons displaced as a result of a CDBG activity; rehabilitation of houses; code enforcement; special economic development activities; special activities undertaken by a community based development organization; home ownership assistance for purchase; planning; environmental; program administration; audit; and other miscellaneous activities.

If the City would undertake an activity that would result in the displacement of families or individuals, then the City would utilize its policy for minimizing such displacement. Furthermore, the City is responsible for replacing all low- and moderate-income housing units that may be demolished or converted as a result of CDBG funds.

All interested residents are encouraged to attend this public hearing and they will be given the opportunity to present oral or written testimony concerning the needs of the City of Martinsburg and the use of CDBG and HOME funds to address those needs over the next fiscal year. Written comments may be addressed to Ms. Nancy Strine, Community Development Administrator, City of Martinsburg, 232 North Queen Street, Martinsburg, WV 25401

George Karos, Mayor
City of Martinsburg