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### **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The City of Gary's Department of Commerce, Community Development Division, has scheduled a public hearing to present the City of Gary's Draft Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for Program Year 2017. All citizens are invited to attend and provide comments. This public hearing will provide citizens the opportunity to learn about the accomplishments achieved by the City of Gary during the 2017 Program Year on program activities funded with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Formula Grants, Community Development Block Grant, (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Grant (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and also Section 108 Loan Funds. The meeting is open to the general public and all citizens are encouraged to attend. The public meeting will start promptly at 5:00 P.M. and will be held:

**Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 5:00 P.M.**  
**City Hall Annex - The Green Room**  
**839 Broadway, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor (South Entrance)**  
**Gary, IN 46402**

The draft copy of the CAPER will be made available for review at the City of Gary Department of Commerce, Community Development Division, 839 Broadway, Suite 302N, Gary, IN. There is a 15 day public review and comment period. Comments may be submitted in writing to the City of Gary Department of Commerce, Community Development Division, 839 Broadway, Suite 302N, Gary, IN 46402. All Comments received will be incorporated into the final document and submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Neighborhood Development Surveys will also be made available to citizens in an effort to procure valuable feedback and comments regarding needs in Gary neighborhoods. Surveys may be submitted at the Public Hearing or returned to the address noted above. Contact Michelle Williams at (219)881-5075 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. for more information. Persons requiring special accommodations such as a language interpreter, alternately formatted materials, auxiliary aids, sign language, or other should contact staff at least five (5) days prior to the meeting.

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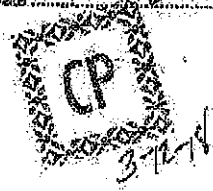
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## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Gary's Department of Commerce, Community Development Division, has scheduled a public hearing to discuss the City of Gary's Draft Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAER) for Program Year 2017. All citizens are invited to attend and provide comments. This public hearing will provide citizens the opportunity to learn about the accomplishments achieved by the City of Gary during the 2017 Program Year on program activities funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Formula Grants, Community Development Block Grant, ICDBG, HOME Investment Partnerships Grant (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG), and also Section 108 Lead Funds. The hearing is open to the general public and all citizens are encouraged to attend. The public hearing will start promptly at 5:00 P.M. and will be held:

Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 5:00 P.M.  
City Hall Annex - 7th Floor, Room 119  
150 Broadway 1st Floor  
South Elmhurst  
Gary, IN 46402

The draft copy of the CAER will be made available for review at the City of Gary Department of Commerce, Community Development Division, 150 Broadway Suite 119, Gary, IN. There is a 10 day public review and comment period. Comments may be submitted in writing to the City of Gary Department of Commerce, Community Development Division, 150 Broadway Suite 119, Gary, IN 46402. All comments received will be incorporated into the final document and submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

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**CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE & EVALUATION REPORT  
(CAPER)  
PROGRAM YEAR 2017**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

5:00p.m.

City Hall Annex - The Green Room  
839 Broadway -1<sup>st</sup> Floor (South Entrance)  
Gary, IN 46402

**AGENDA**

- I. Welcome and Introduction of Staff.....Arlene D. Colvin  
Director
- II. Overview of 2017 Accomplishments..... Evelyn Aponte  
Compliance Manager
- III. Survey Forms.....Michelle Williams  
Compliance Specialist
- V. Closing Remarks.....Arlene D. Colvin  
Director
- VI. Adjournment



City of Gary, IN  
 2017 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)  
 Public Hearing Attendance Record

March 14, 2018  
 City Hall Annex - Green Room  
 5:00 p.m.

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Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER) Program FY 2017		
Location: City Hall - Annex 839 Broadway (Green Room)	Date: March 14, 2018	Duration: 30 Minutes
Recorder of Minutes	Michelle L. Williams	Initials: MW
List of Attendees	See enclosed "sign in sheet"	

Ms. Colvin thanked everyone for coming out to the public hearing on our 2017 Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER). She then introduced staff members Ms. Evelyn Aponte, Compliance Manager, Ms. Wanda Pettigrew, Special Projects Manager, Ms. Judith Samson, NSP Manager and Ms. Michelle Williams, Compliance Specialist.

Ms. Colvin acknowledged Ms. Kayanna Dilosa the Director of Youth Services Bureau and Ms. Teshezia George the Director of the Gary Commission for Women who were present. She stated that these were the subgrantees who received Community Development Block Grant dollars.

Ms. Colvin turned the meeting over to Ms. Aponte. Ms. Aponte gave a brief explanation regarding what was accomplished in FY2017. She indicated funds were awarded from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program. Ms. Aponte informed the audience that the overview gave a description of what each grant did and what it was targeted for.

Ms. Aponte went on to go over the accomplishments in 2017 for CDBG, ESG and HOME programs.

**Question:** Who decides who gets helped and who doesn't? And how is that decision made?

**Response:** They have to be low -to moderate income according to HUD guidelines and the income limits.

**Question:** How are their requests prioritized and by whom? Is there a department that they go to? Is there a form that they fill out? Is there an interview that they take?

**Response:** All of the above.

Ms. Colvin stated that the Department of Community Development administers the Housing Repair program. She added that individuals who are in need of assistance would come to the office and apply. Ms. Colvin further added that there were certain income guide lines and other requirements they had to meet. She stressed it would filter out a certain amount of people and some people were not income eligible.

Ms. Colvin stated that once they go through that process of determination where they live was the next step. She added we have target areas that we look at for the housing repair programs. Ms. Colvin further added if you lived in the target areas of University Park East, Horace Mann or Emerson those people have priority. She stated we have to do target areas because we don't have the money to actually do everybody in the City. Ms. Colvin reiterated that there were some target areas when people applied that were eligible in one way but not another because they didn't live in that target area and we couldn't serve them. She added this is the process that we go through with housing assistance and it's similar with all the other programs.

Ms. Colvin added that a subrecipient could come in to request help for homelessness prevention and that the Continuum of Care of NWI and Catholic Charities administered those programs for us. She further added that they had come in to apply, meet the requirements for the program, apply for assistance and if they met those requirements then they could actually be served. Ms. Colvin stated that it's on a first

come and first served basis because our allocation is only a certain amount of dollars. She stressed that once you go through the process of meeting all of your requirements and if there was money left then you would get a chance to actually participate in the program.

**Question:** Is this program on a calendar year?

**Response:** It's a program year. Our program year does run on a calendar year basis.

**Question:** What percentage of the people that applied over a year? Are you able to help with the funds that you received? What percentage you think that could help?

**Response:** We end up helping 100 percent of the people who had applied but the number would fall for other reasons. I would say maybe a third or maybe two-thirds of the people who applied end up being eligible for assistance.

Ms. Colvin mentioned that this department had a waiting list that rolled over from year to year but when she came to the department in 2012 the waiting list was about seven (7) to eight (8) years. She stated people were on the list for almost ten (10) years waiting for assistance which became too cumbersome. Ms. Colvin added that in 2012 people were actually waiting to be assisted since 2007 but by that time their homes had gotten even worse and needed more assistance. She pointed out that this was not a good system and at some point you had to cut it off. Ms. Colvin stressed that this was why we changed it to target areas because it became too cumbersome. She added that we purged it as best as we could and moved forward to take new applications. Ms. Colvin further added that those people that were on the list before could apply but they were no longer ahead of someone who had just applied in 2012. She emphasized that it's a lot and there are a lot of people with needs.

Mr. Smith made a comment about the Senior Repair Program. He stated that a senior citizen had reached out to him about needing a roof about a year ago he heard through the grapevine that there were funds available. He mentioned that he had doubts about it but he gave her the number to the office, he followed up with her, and she followed up with the program. He further added that he saw her on the list as being completed and said that it was a good thing.

Ms. Aponte continued going over the list of activities undertaken and implemented in 2017 for Social Services agencies. She had pointed out that we were expending 2016 funds due to the delay in receiving our entitlement.

**Question:** Why are you behind a year?

**Response:** Congress has to appropriate the dollars.

Ms. Colvin stated when you go through that process especially since the last couple of years was a little worse last year and will get worse this year because in each of the two years the Community Development Block Grant program is in the Trump administration budget's to be zero out. She added that there has to be some sort of concerted effort and some sort of conferencing between the House and the Senate to actually get dollars which takes a little bit longer.

Ms. Aponte continued going over the list of activities undertaken and implemented in 2017 for the HOME Investment Partnerships program

**Question:** How do you determine the agencies that will receive this funding? Do they fill out an application?

Response: On a yearly basis.

Ms. Colvin added that the proposal process was delayed as well. She further added that we accept applications on a yearly basis for proposals from agencies that seek funding based upon being able to meet a certain criteria. Ms. Colvin stated it's based upon our need that we identified through surveys, demographic information, and whatever our plans are for the City Consolidated Plan.

She mentioned that we review proposals to determine whether or not they fit into the criteria of all the programs that we fund, how much we're able to fund them and allocate dollars based on that. Ms. Colvin added that Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Indiana applied for dollars on a yearly basis to build houses for low-income persons and was based upon the need we had in the community. She added that we allocate dollars based on what we have available and there's a process on a yearly basis that all agencies had to go through.

Ms. Colvin further added that we advertise to let people know that we're accepting applications and there's like a month long process for individuals to come in to get an application and also they could get one online but they have to turn it in person.

Question: How much money does the City receive for CDBG?

Response: The City receives 3 million dollars and it was mentioned earlier.

There was a brief discussion about the Gary Small Business and Expansion Initiative.

Question: Does the Gary Small Business and Expansion Initiative give them training and money?

Response: They received money for training that's available and apply for it but they have to meet a certain criteria. So if anytime an individual is receiving funds through economic development, they have to meet job creation requirements. If you can't meet those requirements, we can't grant you the dollars. Those funds are available on a limited basis but you got to through the program.

Question: Is there a list of businesses that you helped.

Response: We do have one, but I don't think that she has it here in this document but we do have it.

Question: Is there any training for basic accounting or getting finances?

Response: It's a 101 business start-up in order to go into business but it's not in depth. It's what an individual needs to get started which is why the money we make available is very small. Sometimes individuals have a good business idea but they don't always understand what it takes to actually go into business. If they go through this program at least they'll get an understanding of what they need to do and make up their mind what they want to do.

Ms. Johnson made a comment about the Gary Small Business and Expansion Initiative. She stated that she enrolled in the program because she wanted to know how to start a business. Ms. Johnson added that Ms. Cindy Williams was over the program. She stated that Ms. Williams went through program step by step from branding, to marketing, and understanding the customer. Ms. Johnson was pleased with the program and wished that she residents at the Housing Authority could have enrolled in the program. She added Ms. Williams has done a program similar to that with the Chicago Public Housing and was successful. Ms. Johnson further added that she was very pleased with the program and if Ms. Williams were to come back to request more money she would support her 100 percent. She stated if you didn't

understand something in class you could meet Ms. Williams to get a better understanding. Ms. Johnson mentioned that Ms. Williams does follow ups as to where her graduates are at and to find out if they still needed help.

Ms. Colvin turned it over to Ms. Michelle Williams to discuss the neighborhood surveys that were issued before the meeting.

Ms. Williams began by letting the audience know that we were conducting neighborhood surveys as a means for the community to provide valuable feedback and comments regarding needs in the neighborhoods. She added that the surveys help the City to better understand the community's interests, needs and develop objectives for the future use of federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) funds. Ms. Williams also stated if there were any suggestions regarding our programs or activities to please indicate them on the survey and return them at the conclusion of the meeting.

She also added that if you were unable to complete the survey you could mail the surveys back to our office. Ms. Williams stated the survey is available on the City's website. Just click on the "Neighborhood Development Survey" to download and print the survey. She concluded that if you could print and mail, fax, or digitize it and send it to her email address as indicated on the website. Ms. Williams asked if there were any comments or questions.

**Question:** When did you want the surveys back?

**Response:** As soon as possible.

Ms. Aponte added that there was a 15 day public comment period and review and any comments or questions could be submitted by March 29, 2018 to our department. She added that a Draft of the 2017 CAPER was available for public review at the Department of Community Development, 839 Broadway, Suite 302N, Gary, Indiana.

Ms. Colvin added that comments are actually submitted with the CAPER. She further added that comments are not made in vain because they're seen by HUD officials. Ms. Colvin stressed that hopefully we won't experience any delays that we experienced in the past year and the Community Development Block Grant program is very important to the City of Gary. She pointed out that it is important to most urban communities and if you feel strongly about it then you should talk to your Legislators about the program. Ms. Colvin stated that we'll continue to run the program to the best of our ability.

Being no further questions or comments the meeting was adjourned.

**Staff:**

Ms. Arlene D. Colvin, Director  
Ms. Nikole Rumph, Deputy Director  
Ms. Evelyn Aponte, Compliance Manager  
Ms. Michelle Williams, Compliance Specialist  
Ms. Wanda Pettigrew, Special Projects Manager  
Ms. Judith Samson, NSP Manager

**Subrecipients:**

Ms. Kayanna Dilosa, Youth Services Bureau  
Ms. Teshezia George, Gary Commission for Women  
Ms. Edith Christmas, Gary Literacy Coalition

**Citizens:**

Ms. Kendra Johnson  
Mr. George Rogge  
Mr. Paul Bartos  
Mr. Sy Smith