

RESOLUTION NO. 6493

A RESOLUTION AMENDING ALBANY'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 ACTION PLAN ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION NO. 6322

WHEREAS, the City of Albany is entitled to annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding provided by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons; and

WHEREAS, the City is required to develop an annual Action Plan that describes the actions, activities, and programs that will be delivered to address priority needs and goals identified in the city's five-year 2013-2017 Consolidated Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City adopted the 2014-2015 Action Plan by Resolution No. 6322 on May 14, 2014, that identified the City's CDBG activities to be completed with Fiscal Year 2014-2015 funding; and

WHEREAS, the Sunrise Park improvement project identified in the 2014-2015 Action Plan has been delayed and funds previously dedicated to this project will be re-allocated to public improvements that remove barriers to accessibility in Albany's low-income neighborhoods; and

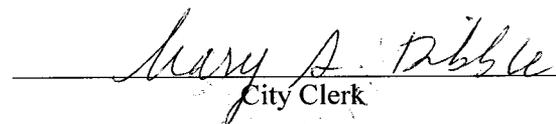
WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on April 27, 2016, regarding the amendments to the 2014-2015 Action Plan.

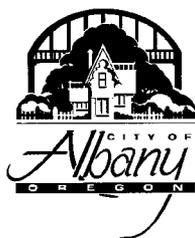
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Albany City Council amends the 2014-2015 Action Plan adopted by Resolution No. 6322 as described and attached hereto as "Exhibit A."

DATED AND EFFECTIVE THIS 27th DAY OF April 2016.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk



PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF ALBANY ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015

Purpose of Proposed Amendments:

The Sunrise Park public facility improvement project has been delayed due to wetlands identified at the park. The projects in the 2014-2015 Action Plan need to be amended in order to be able to spend the remaining 2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and close out the 2014 grant. Proposed amendments would reallocate funding from the Sunrise Park project to other community development needs identified in the 2013-2017 Consolidated Plan. Specifically, \$19,500 allocated to Sunrise Park is proposed to be used to provide infill sidewalks and curb ramps in Albany's low and moderate income Census Tracts 204 and 208 under the "remove barriers to accessibility" goal.

The Sunrise Park remodel project will be completed using funds already allocated in the FY 2015-16 Action Plan and in the proposed FY 2016-17 Action Plan.

Other amendments include revising the description of the housing rehabilitation programs for housing units occupied by low-and moderate-income households.

*Proposed amendments are shown using bold, underline, and strike out formatting. Text **underlined in bold** font indicates new text. Text with ~~strike out~~ formatting indicates text to be deleted.*

AP-15 Expected Resources

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state, and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied.

The City anticipates providing CDBG funding to a variety of programs and activities over the five-year Consolidated Plan period. Each program or activity identified in the 2014-15 program year was assessed for its need and the level of other resources available to ensure the activity is completed. In particular,

- Community development and neighborhood revitalization projects include public **and accessibility** improvements **to sidewalks, paths and city facilities in low-income neighborhoods and may** include ~~a city park, Sunrise Park, one trail, and the Periwinkle Path. The City is applying for state funding for these two facilities. CDBG funding is anticipated to~~ **These CDBG projects may** leverage state parks grants, local parks funds, and **private funding.** ~~local fund-raising.~~

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary, Table 57

Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4 - Remove barriers to accessibility	2013	2017	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Infill sidewalks and curb ramp improvements in LMI areas; accessibility improvements at or near public facilities.	\$33,800 \$53,300	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than LMI Housing Benefit: 20 100 people benefit
5. Eliminate blighting influences in low and moderate income (LMI) areas	2013	2017	Non-Housing Community Development	Local Target Areas	Sunrise Park redesign; Periwinkle Path repairs/replacement	58,500 \$39,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than LMI Housing Benefit: 2,000 1,000 people benefit

Goal Descriptions

Albany's FY 2014-15 Plan goals are described below:

Goal 1: Reduce Housing Cost Burden for Albany's Low-Income Households

Goal 2: Maintain and Improve the Quality of Albany's Affordable Housing Supply

Housing Rehabilitation Loan and Essential Repairs Grant Programs

One of Albany's priority needs is to assist households that are experiencing housing cost burden – those households paying 30 percent or more of their incomes on housing cost and severe housing cost burden include households paying 50 percent or more of their incomes on housing-related costs. Albany has large concentrations of housing units constructed before 1980 and the need for housing rehabilitation and energy efficiency improvements is anticipated to be high.

Many low-income homeowners cannot afford to make necessary home improvements to maintain the health and safety of their homes or replace operating systems and appliances. Low-income renters often live in buildings in need of major repairs, but making the improvements often results in rent increases that make the units less affordable.

The City is contracting with Community Services Consortium (CSC) to manage a ~~revolving loan fund~~ **housing rehabilitation grant and loan** program for Albany property owners. The program will provide **grants or** no-interest deferred loans to property owners of low-income housing for needed repairs. CSC will match the **City's** rehabilitation ~~loans-funds~~ with federal weatherization grants to help improve energy efficiency and reduce monthly heating and cooling costs when feasible.

~~The Essential Repairs Grant program will provide small grants for health and safety repairs that are needed to make a dwelling unit eligible for weatherization assistance. These grants would correct any deficiencies prior to receiving weatherization services.~~

HUD Outcomes: Rehabilitate four housing units occupied by low-income households and improve energy efficiency in four housing units.

Goal 4: Remove Barriers to Accessibility

The need for public infrastructure improvements specifically related to curb ramps on sidewalks is rising in importance as the community ages and the general population increases. Curb ramp placement and replacement or repair of existing sidewalks is a focus of the City to address accessibility and safety concerns of Albany's residents. As is common in established cities, many areas of the city have no curb ramps at intersections, while other areas have older ramps that were placed before the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and do not meet current standards.

Under the City's *Phase III ADA Transition Plan: Curb Ramps*, preliminary reviews have indicated the need for removal of existing barriers in these areas. In addition to these specified areas, public requests for curb ramp improvements are evaluated and prioritized accordingly for incorporation into the plan for barrier removal.

The City is allocating CDBG funds totaling **\$53,300** ~~33,800 have been allocated~~ to remove barriers to accessibility at or near public facilities, including parks, and schools. Improvements are intended to make curb ramps ADA accessible in Albany's low-income census tracts, to address complaints and requests for curb ramp improvements, **and to construct infill sidewalks.**

HUD Outcomes: Public Service Activities other than LMI Housing Benefit: ~~20~~ **100** people assisted

Goal 5: Remove Blighting Influences in Albany's Low and Moderate Income Neighborhoods

Albany has two census tracts identified as "Low and Moderate Income" (LMI), where more than 51 percent of the households earn less than 80 percent of the area median income with concentrations of persons living below the national poverty level, housing cost burden, aging housing stock, concentrations of minority populations, blighted conditions, and deteriorating public facilities.

~~Sunrise Park is located in LMI Census Tract 208. The park was developed in the 1980s and it is one of the City parks that has not been upgraded. The 2006 Parks Master Plan identified the following needs for Sunrise Park: new playground equipment, widened pathways, improved vehicle access, and parking. A site visit to the park with the Mayor, staff from the parks and police departments, and a neighboring apartment manager identified several safety issues that contribute to its ongoing vandalism. These issues are deterring residents from using the park rather than the park providing a benefit to the residents in the area.~~

~~The City allocated \$40,000 in CDBG funds in the 2013-2014 program year for Sunrise Park improvements. These funds will help the City leverage other state and federal grant funds and private donations to improve the park. It is anticipated that additional funds will be needed to complete the park and provide amenities requested by the area residents. An additional \$19,500 is proposed in the FY 2014-2015 Action Plan to complete this activity.~~

Periwinkle Path is a 1.5-mile long trail that runs through Census Tracts 204 and 208 and beyond. It connects residents from south/central Albany to the Albany Boys and Girls Club and Kinder Park facilities to the north and Grand Prairie Park to the south. The path was constructed more than 30 years ago. Despite efforts to maintain the path, there are sections that must be replaced or closed due to dangerous pavement conditions.

CDBG funds of \$50,000 in FY 2014 will repair roughly 600 lineal feet of path. CDBG funds of \$38,000 in FY 2014-15 will repair an additional 500 feet of path. The path repairs will remove blighting influences in Census Tract 208. The obstacle to repairing the path may be the ability to leverage enough funds to complete repairs to remaining sections of the path.

Projects

AP-35 Projects

Table 59 - Project Information

#	Project Name
1	Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program
2	Essential Repair Grant/Loan Program
3	Homeless Needs
4	Neighborhood Revitalization – Sunrise Park Redesign
4 5	Neighborhood Revitalization - Periwinkle Path
5 6	Remove Barriers to Accessibility – <u>Infill Sidewalks and Curb Ramps</u>
6 7	Microenterprise Development
7 8	Job Creation/Business Assistance
8 9	Public Services
9 10	Fair Housing Education and Outreach
10 11	Program Administration

AP38 Project Summary

Project Name	Target Area	Goals Supported	Needs Addressed	Funding
Sunrise Park Rehabilitation	Tract 208	Remove Blighting Influences in LMI areas	Improve public facilities in LMI areas and areas with a higher minority concentration	\$19,500
Remove Barriers to Accessibility	Tracts 204 & 208, public facilities	Remove Barriers to Accessibility; Public Improvements in LMI areas	Accessibility improvements to <u>the city sidewalk system, intersections, and public facilities</u>	\$33,800 <u>\$53,300</u>