

**RESOLUTION NO. 6494**

A RESOLUTION AMENDING ALBANY'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 ACTION PLAN AS ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION NO. 6321

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 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 2013-2014 Action Plan by Resolution No. 6257 on August 14, 2013, that anticipated several of the City's programs and performance measures for the year; and

WHEREAS, the City repealed Resolution No. 6257 and amended the 2013-2014 Action Plan by Resolution No. 6321 in order to include specific public service and homeless housing activities and performance measures; and

WHEREAS, the Sunrise Park improvement project identified in the 2013-2014 Action Plan has been delayed, and funds will be re-allocated to public improvements that remove barriers to accessibility in Albany's low-income neighborhoods; and

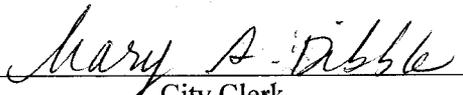
WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on April 27, 2016, regarding the amendments to the 2013-2014 Action Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Albany City Council amends the 2013-2014 Action Plan adopted by Resolution No. 6321 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 2013-2014**

Purpose of Proposed Amendments:

The Sunrise Park public facility project is the only remaining activity in the 2013-2014 Action Plan. The park improvement project has been delayed while permits required to impact wetlands identified at the park are obtained. Projects in the 2013-2014 Action Plan need to be amended in order to spend the remaining 2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and close out the 2013 grant. The proposed amendments would reallocate funding from the park project to other community development needs identified in the Consolidated Plan. Specifically, the \$40,000 allocated to Sunrise Park is proposed to be allocated 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 upcoming 2016-17 Action Plan.

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

## 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
Remove barriers to accessibility	2013	<del>2014</del> <b><u>2017</u></b>	Non-Housing Community Development	Local Target Areas	<b><u>Infill sidewalks and</u></b> curb ramp improvements in LMI areas; accessibility improvements at or near public facilities.	<del>\$22,000</del> <b><u>\$62,000</u></b>	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than LMI Housing Benefit: <del>50</del> <b><u>100</u></b> people benefit
Eliminate blighting influences in low and moderate income (LMI) areas	2013	<del>2014</del> <b><u>2017</u></b>	Non-Housing Community Development	Local Target Areas	<del>Sunrise Park redesign;</del> <b><u>Periwinkle Path</u></b> repairs/replacement	<del>\$50,000</del> <b><u>90,000</u></b>	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than LMI Housing Benefit: <del>2,000</del> <b><u>1,000</u></b> persons benefit

## AP-35 Projects

Table 59 – Project Information

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

### Suitable Living Environment & Neighborhood Revitalization

Albany ~~has two~~ Census Tracts **204 and 208 are classified** 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.

Periwinkle Path is a 1.5-mile long trail that runs through Census Tract 208. 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 will assist in leveraging other funds to repair the worst sections of this community path. The obstacle to repairing the path may be the inability to leverage enough funds.

~~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 have not been upgraded. The City has a capital improvements backlog of approximately \$1.5 million dollars and only \$26,000 in the parks replacement fund. 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 is allocating \$40,000 in CDBG funds for Sunrise Park improvements. These funds will help the City leverage other state and federal grant funds and private donations to improve the park.~~

### Accessibility Improvements – Sidewalks and Curb Ramp Program

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 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.

**Sidewalks and curb ramps are intermittent in both Census Tracts. The Infill Sidewalk and Curb Ramp Program will construct sidewalk and accessible curb ramps in existing rights-of-way where sidewalk and curb ramps are missing or out of compliance. Projects have been prioritized along commonly used pedestrian routes within Census Tracts 204 and 208 to schools, parks, and services. The program will make connections between existing sidewalks to create safe and accessible pedestrian routes and will improve conditions in low-income neighborhoods where owners cannot afford to construct sidewalks.**

**The City is allocating \$62,000 in CDBG funds** ~~totaling \$22,000 has been allocated~~ to remove barriers to accessibility at or near public facilities, including parks, and schools to make curb ramps accessible in Albany's low-income census tracts, or to address complaints and requests for curb ramp improvements.

**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. Especially in areas with a higher minority concentration	\$40,000
Sidewalk and Curb Ramp Improvements	Tracts 204 & 208	Public Improvements in LMI areas; Remove Barriers to Accessibility	Remove barriers to accessibility	<del>\$22,000</del> <b>\$62,000</b>