

**CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
Wayne County Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)**

In compliance with federal guidelines, the City of Inkster will hold a public hearing on **Monday, March 20, 2017, at 7:00 pm** to consider the addition of Demolition to the Fiscal Year 2015 activities under the Wayne County Community Development Block Grant Program and transfer funds into Demolition. The hearing will be held at City Hall located at 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan 48141 in Council Chambers. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment regarding the addition of the activity and the transfer of funds.

The above activities continue to meet HUD objectives by directly benefiting low and moderate-income families, eliminating slums and blight and preserving deteriorating housing stock. To submit comments, please contact M. Jeannie Fields at 313.563.7709.

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Wayne County Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)
2006-2007 Amended Final Statement

In compliance with federal guidelines, the City of Inkster held a public hearing on Monday, August 4, 2008, at 7:30 pm to consider elimination of 2006 Wayne County Community Development Block Grant Sidewalk Repair Program and transfer of these funds to Demolition which resulted in the following revision:

ACTIVITY	LOCATION	FUNDING
Bond Repayment for Relocation, Acquisition and Project Administration.	Within Carver Homes Subdivision- Irene on the East, Northland on the West, York on the South and Carlisle On the North	\$242,104
Administration	City-wide	\$ 32,500
Demolition	City-wide	\$ 50,396
Total Allocation		\$325,000

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Post August 11, 2008

Public Hearing Comments – August 4, 2008 @ 7:30 pm

Elimination of the 2006 Wayne County CDBG Sidewalk Repair Program and transfer of funds to Demolition.

Questions:

1) Were the 2006 rehabilitation funds used? These funds have been used and/or programmed.

2) Is there another way to use the Sidewalk funds? For example, hire a contractor to do the work? The Chief Building Official responded that it takes several weeks to do this. This work was to be performed by contractors. The program should begin with a survey this fall/winter, and maybe use future CDBG funds for the program. Generally the program works by targeting a section of the city and move forward in that manner. The homeowner is notified to do the repair and they are given a certain amount of time to complete the repair before the city does the repair. It is usually a 30 day time frame.

3) Is there a list of sidewalks that need repair? When the building department goes thru the community, they identify such and have them repaired at that time. The Department of Public Service (DPS) did do a sidewalk survey, but the data obtained is not reliable.

It was stated by a member of city council that they thought the program was moving forward, but the funds were not being used. More funding should be made available for the sidewalk program which is badly needed. Sidewalk Repair options include seeking recaptured CDBG funds and/or budgeting for the program in the 2009 CDBG budget. It was also stated that it is the responsibility of the homeowner to make sidewalk repairs.

4) A council representative inquired as to why was it the responsibility of the homeowner if a tree was planted there 60 years ago and why were the funds only available to seniors. It was suggested that maybe a future program should be open to all residents who fall within HUD's income limits. It was agreed that this is something we should consider in future programming. The safety of the entire city is important.

Dennard Shaw (resident): Mr. Shaw, a former city council candidate for District #6 asked how do people know the funds are available? Notification of the availability of funds was not done due to the program not being rolled out. However, when the program is implemented, the information will be available via website, city newsletter, cable, and etc.

Mayor Hampton stated that he thought that the program was ready to be implemented. Sidewalk Repair is a huge problem, and we need to address it. He would like a program to be laid out for council so that we can move forward.

A motion was made and approved for the elimination of a CDBG activity (Sidewalk Replacement) under the Wayne County 2006 CDBG and transfer of those funds to (\$52,500) to demolition. Resolution # 08-08-204

Approve adding an activity (Sidewalk Repair) to the Wayne County 2008 CDBG and transfer demolition funds (\$30,000) to the activity.

A Councilman stated that we need to keep some funds in the sidewalk repair program in order to keep the activity in the forefront. Additionally, we may need to look at opening the program up to more than senior citizens.

The Chief Building Official commented that the primary concern of the department is not just demolition. It is community safety as well. The sidewalk program will have to sit until next summer even if the demolition funds are transferred to the activity. By that time, other funds may become available. The building department has inspectors who can do the surveying and be ready for next year. The building department would like the funds to remain in demolition.

It was suggested by staff that a sidewalk program could be in place without providing assistance to homeowners. The funding assistance component would be missing from the program.

Rev. George Williams (resident): He stated that he felt the funds should be left in demolition to keep crime down. We need to tear down abandoned buildings. Sidewalk repair can wait another 6 months when they have already been waiting 7 – 10 years in some instances.

A motion was made to approve adding an activity (Sidewalk Repair) to the Wayne County 2008 CDBG and transfer demolition funds (\$30,000) to the activity. The motion failed. Resolution # 08-08-207