

City of New Brunswick  
Amendment to the 2014-2015  
Consolidated Annual Action  
Plan



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## Introduction

Each year, the City of New Brunswick undertakes various activities benefiting its low and moderate income residents using two HUD grants: The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnerships Grant. The City must prepare an annual Action Plan detailing how these funds will be allocated and in what manner they will be spent, according to HUD rules.

In July 2013, HUD informed various participating jurisdictions that the county of Westchester would be relinquishing CDBG funds, which may be distributed among program recipients in the area. As a result, the City received \$47,005 in additional CDBG funds associated with the 2014-15 program year. The City has elected to use these additional funds for an existing pedestrian safety project, which will allow the project to expand in scope and persons served. This amount does not exceed 50% of the original project funding, and therefore does not require a substantial amendment.

## C-Plan Amendments

Title 24 Section 91.505 of the Code of Federal Regulations stipulates that participating jurisdictions shall amend their approved plans whenever they make one of the following decisions:

- To make a change in its allocation priorities or a change in the method of distribution of funds;
- To carry out an activity, using funds from any program covered by the Consolidated Plan (including program income) not previously described in the action plan; or
- To change the purpose, scope, location, or beneficiaries of an activity.

The City's Citizen Participation Plan outlines the criteria for a substantial amendment, which requires formal notification, presentation, and public participation. The following criteria will be used to determine whether a change is substantial enough to warrant an amendment to the Consolidated Plan or Action Plan:

- New Activity – a previously unidentified activity will receive funding allocation to undertake an activity allowed under the program rules and regulations.
- Change in Activity Location – Unless identified in the Action Plan as a citywide activity, a new or different specific activity location may be considered a substantial change if the location of the activity is substantially different than the current location identified in the Action Plan.
- Cancellation of a Funding Allocation - funding for a previously identified activity, program or project is canceled as originally stated in the plan.
- Change in Funding Allocation - an identified activity requires an increase or decrease in funding which exceeds fifty (50) percent of the original funding allocation.
- Change in Allocation Priorities or Method of Distribution – if the identified allocation priorities in the plan are changed or if the method of distributing the funds is proposed to be amended.

## Citizen Participation

The City of New Brunswick may amend its Consolidated Plan as the need arises. In order to provide for adequate public input in to the amendment process, the Department will hold a public hearing on all proposed substantial changes. Notice of the hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the City at least 7 days prior to the hearing date at which the change will be considered. Additionally, a 30-day public comment period will be provided prior to the submission of the amendment to HUD. Notice of the proposed amendment hearing shall also include a summary of the amendment contents, the instructions on how to receive a copy of the amendment, and the final date for submission of written comments. Copies of the proposed amendments will be made available at the Department's Offices, New Brunswick Housing Authority and New Brunswick Public library, and on the City's website.

It is the City's determination that this activity does not require a substantial amendment.

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CDBG Funds  
August 2014

Notice is hereby given that the City of New Brunswick proposed to make the following changes to previously approved CDBG Program budgets:

Proposed Activity:  
Pedestrian Improvement Project: \$47,005.00  
National Objective: LMA  
HUD Objective: Suitable Living Environment  
HUD Outcome: Availability/Accessibility

This funding has been used to create flashing crosswalks in different CDBG-eligible neighborhoods. These crosswalks are effective in clearly alerting motorists of pedestrians on heavily-used roadways, particularly at night. Other pedestrian improvements are also eligible. The project has \$110,656.36 of previously allocated funds remaining. The reallocation of \$47,005 will create a new project funding balance of \$157,661.36.

Total Replacement Activity Funding	<u>\$47,005.00</u>
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This allocation does not require a substantial amendment or a subsequent hearing.