## **RESOLUTION NO. 2496**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND TO APPROVE THE CITY'S ACTION PLAN FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS FOR CDBG PROGRAM YEAR 2015 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Maryland State Office of the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) has determined that the City of Salisbury qualifies as an "entitlement community"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury is, therefore, entitled to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds directly from HUD upon HUD's approval of the City's annual Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Salisbury wishes the City to receive this annual allotment of CDBG funds from HUD, in order that various community development projects may be completed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland does hereby authorize the Mayor to submit this CDBG 2015 Action Plan to HUD for review and approval.

THE ABOVE RESOLUTION was introduced and duly passed at a meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland held on April 27, 2015, and is to become effective immediately.

Kimberly R. Nichols

CITY CLERK

Jacob R Day

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY ME THIS

day of April, 2015.

James Ireton, Jr.

**MAYOR** 

## Office of Community Development MEMO

To: Tom Stevenson

From: Deborah Stam

Subject: Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Submit the

2015 CDBG Action Plan to HUD

Date: April 16, 2015

The Community Development Department has completed the 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan. The total amount of CDBG funding that is expected to be received for the 2015 program year is \$298,616, which is a 4% increase over what was received for PY 2014. For the 2015 Action Plan, the following projects have been recommended for funding by the CDBG Review Committee and approved by the Mayor:

Administration (20%)	\$59,723
Habitat for Humanity of Wicomico County – Housing Construction (412 Coles Circle)	\$72,200
Village of Hope – Partial Funding of Repairs to Roof of Residence Bldg.	\$17,480
Wicomico County Free Library – Exterior Lighting Improvements & Knee Wall Enhancements to Discourage Loitering	\$14,410
City of Salisbury – Nuisance Code Enforcement Officer	\$46,175
City of Salisbury – Low-Mod Neighborhood Sidewalk Creation Program	<u>\$88,628</u>
Total	<u>\$298,616</u>

The draft of the 2015 CDBG Action Plan was made available for public review beginning on Monday, March 23, 2015. The Action Plan was posted on the City website under the Community Development Department section, and a hard copy of the plan was available for review at the Wicomico County Library. The 30-day public comment period will end on Thursday, April 23, 2015. To date no written comments have been received.

The first public hearing for the 2015 CDBG funding round was conducted on Wednesday, January 28, 2015. This hearing provided all of the agencies that had submitted an application for CDBG funds the opportunity to give a verbal presentation on their project to the CDBG Review Committee. Once the presentations on the 2015 applications had been made, and the Review Committee members had had the opportunity to ask questions of the agency representatives, the floor was opened up to the public for comments on the housing and community development needs of Salisbury.

The second public hearing was conducted on Wednesday, April 8, 2015. This hearing presented residents with a status report on all of the previously funded CDBG projects that are still open, and an overview of the projects that are proposed for funding in the 2015 Action Plan. Following the status report the floor was opened up to the public for comments on the housing and community development needs of Salisbury.

Attached is the Resolution to approve the 2015 CDBG Action Plan for the City of Salisbury, and to authorize the Mayor to submit said plan to HUD for their review and approval. Please forward this information to the City Council so that this item may be placed on their agenda for the April 27, 2015 legislative meeting. Thank you for your assistance.

Deborah J. Stam

Community Development Director

Attachment