

RESOLUTION NO. 2630

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 2016 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE THERETO.

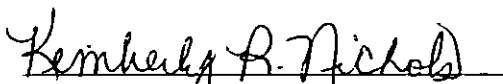
WHEREAS, the Maryland State Office of the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) has determined that the City of Salisbury qualifies as an "entitlement community"; and

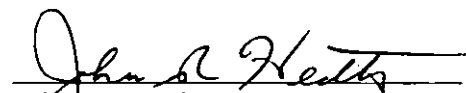
WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury is, therefore, entitled to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds directly from HUD upon HUD's approval of the City's annual Action Plan; and

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 2016 Action Plan to HUD for review and approval.

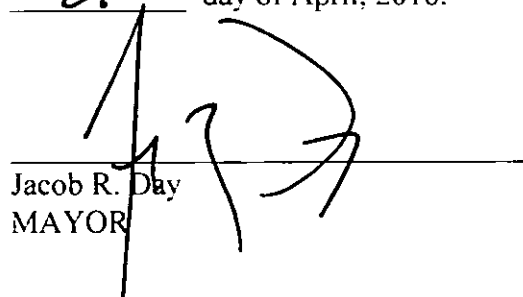
THE ABOVE RESOLUTION was introduced and duly passed at a meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland held on April 25, 2016, and is to become effective immediately.


Kimberly R. Nichols
CITY CLERK


John R. Heath
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY ME THIS

27th day of April, 2016.


Jacob R. Day
MAYOR

Office of Community Development

MEMO

To: Tom Stevenson

From: Deborah Stam

**Subject: Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Submit the
2016 CDBG Action Plan to HUD**

Date: April 15, 2016

The Community Development Department has completed the 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan. The total amount of CDBG funding that has been awarded to the City for the 2016 program year is \$290,447, which is a 2.7% decrease from the amount that was received for PY 2015. For the 2016 Action Plan, the following projects have been recommended for funding by the CDBG Review Committee and approved by the Mayor:

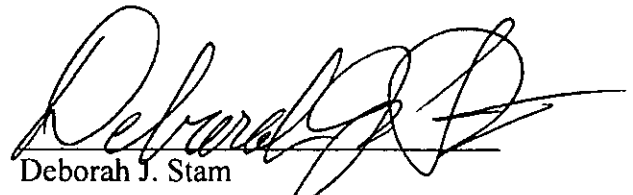
Administration (20%)	\$58,089
Salisbury Neighborhood Housing Services – Closing Cost / Down Payment Assistance Grants	\$100,000
Habitat for Humanity of Wicomico County – Housing Construction (707 East Church Street)	\$37,650
Telamon Corporation – Financial Education & Housing Counseling	\$43,500
City of Salisbury – Low-Mod Neighborhood Sidewalk Construction Program	<u>\$51,208</u>
Total	<u>\$290,447</u>

The draft of the 2016 CDBG Action Plan was made available for public review beginning on Friday, March 18, 2016. 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 Monday, April 18, 2016. To date no written comments have been received.

The first public hearing for the 2016 CDBG funding round was conducted on Wednesday, January 27, 2016. 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 2016 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 CDBG public hearing was conducted on Wednesday, April 13, 2016. 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 2016 Action Plan. Following the status report / overview 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 2016 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 25, 2016 legislative meeting. Thank you for your assistance.



Deborah J. Stam
Community Development Director

Attachment
CC: Ginny Hussey
Julia Glanz