



NEWS RELEASE

**PUBLIC SERVICE GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE TO
LOCAL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
for the City of High Point**

FY 2017-2018 Community Development Block Grant Program

High Point, NC (November 9, 2016) – The City of High Point invites proposals from certified 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations from programs/projects benefiting low to moderate income citizens. Although the level of federal allocation is unknown at the time of this publication, the City awarded \$61,050 of its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement funding in FY 2016-2017. Funds must be used to conduct activities which improve the quality of life in low to moderate-income neighborhoods. Previously funded activities include academic tutoring and enrichment programs for youth, youth character and leadership development, food services, community gardens, occupational training and certification, job readiness training for ex-offenders, housing services for the homeless, adult literacy, health and fitness activities and parenting programs, thereby helping the community to renew its neighborhoods. Public Service programs/projects should be designed to provide supportive services for special needs populations such as youth, elderly, disabled, homeless individuals, abused women and children, persons suffering from addictions and other disadvantaged persons.

Organizations eligible to apply include nonprofits and churches. Note that faith-based organizations may not use HUD funds to support inherently religious activities such as worship, religious instruction, or proselytization. The CDBG grant term for projects is July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Applications for CDBG grant funding will be reviewed by the Citizens Advisory Council (CAC), a nine-member citizen's board appointed by City Council to make recommendations related to the city's CDBG funded programs.

A workshop will be offered to provide information and guidance in completing the application. Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to attend an information workshop to review the new guidelines, application and forms as well as contractual and reporting requirements. **The workshop will be held at 2:00 pm on Monday – November 28, 2016 at the Community and Neighborhood Development Center, 201 Fourth Street, High Point, NC.**

Copies of the CDBG guidelines and application package will be available at the workshop. Also, applications will be available after the workshop on the City's website.

The deadlines for submitting the application is 4:00 p.m., Friday, January 6, 2017 at the Community and Neighborhood Development Center, 201 Fourth Street, High Point, NC. Interested persons should call (336) 883-3689 for more information.

The City of High Point aims to serve as the catalyst for bringing together the community's human, economic and civic resources for the purpose of creating the single most livable, safe and prosperous community in America. For more information on the City, visit www.highpointnc.gov

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