

PRESS RELEASE

City of Scranton Office of Economic and Community Development (OECD)

Scranton's Office of Economic and Community Development has announced it will conduct its first public meeting to receive public input from the residents of Scranton in developing the priorities needs of our City in the preparation of Scranton's Five (5) Year Consolidated Plan.

This Public Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 30, 2014** at 6:00 P.M. at:

**Center for Independent Living
1142 Sanderson Avenue
Scranton Pennsylvania 18509**

The meeting will last approximately one hour and the public is urged to attend. The building is handicap accessible in order to meet ADA regulations.

WHAT IS THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN?

Every five years, the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires the City of Scranton to develop a plan that guides how it will spend its annual Federal grant dollars that assist very-low, low-, and moderate-income communities around the City. The Consolidated Plan sets out the funding for programs that help businesses create jobs and provide job training for adults; improve neighborhoods by eliminating slum and blight; fund homeless prevention programs; create affordable housing; and provide services for seniors, youths and the disabled.

WHY ARE WE HOLDING COMMUNITY MEETINGS?

As part of the Consolidated Plan process, we need to receive City of Scranton citizen's opinions on how the federal funds should be spent. HUD and the City of Scranton want to hear from you what you believe the needs and strengths are in your community, so that, together as a City, we will develop priorities that best put these grant fund dollars to good use in our neighborhoods.

HOW WILL THESE FUNDS BE TARGETED?

In the Consolidated Plan, federal funds will be targeted to create more livable and healthy communities with more affordable housing, improved infrastructure and jobs. Your comments will help us determine your priorities and help us to develop the Consolidated Plan for the next five years.

If you are unable to attend this meeting Citizen's of Scranton still have time to fill out the Questionnaire that can be found at www.scrantonpa.gov website. Your input is very important to the Administration preparing the 2015-2019 Five (5) Year Consolidated Plan. Please return this questionnaire no later than **Friday, June 6, 2014** by emailing to tpreambo@scrantonpa.gov or mail to: **Office of Economic and Community Development, 340 North Washington Avenue, Municipal Building, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503. Phone: 570/348-4216 FAX – 570/348-4123**

