



City of Elmira FY 2014- 2015 CAPER

A Report on Elmira's Housing and Community Development Accomplishments

The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) details the City's accomplishments during the Program Year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015. It compares the actual performance measures with those expected in the Annual Action Plan. The CAPER reports on activities funded through the federal HOME Partnership and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs. A total of **\$1,545,079** was expended during the Program Year.

This summary demonstrates some of the City's overall housing, community development, economic development, and public service accomplishments and activities.

\$427,365 in Federal Funds Expended for Low to Moderate Income Housing Activities

Improving the condition of the City's housing stock for low to moderate income individuals and families continue to be a key priority for the City of Elmira. During the Program Year, **35** owner-occupied housing units were rehabilitated and completed using **\$312,570** in CDBG and HOME funds. The City closed out a \$600,000 grant received from the New York State Affordable Housing Corporation. CDBG and HOME funds leveraged a total of **\$129,601** in NYS AHC funds during the program year.

3 new First-Time Homebuyer closings took place and homebuyers benefited from a total of **\$30,000** in down payment and closing cost assistance and pre-counseling. Within the City, **128 households** received Housing Counseling services from Catholic Charities and **18 households** received Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Services. The Near Westside Neighborhood Association continued its One House At A Time program and spent **\$84,795** HOME funds rehabilitating a mixed use property located at 355 Davis Street.



Park Improvements

Community Development continued to invest in the City's parks during the Program Year using CDBG funds, Creating Healthy Places funds, and private foundation funds. New playground equipment was installed at Blandford Park utilizing CDBG, Creating Healthy Places, Community Foundation, and Anderson Foundation funds. Additional amenities were added to Mark Twain Riverfront Park and Pulaski Park. A total of **\$24,572** in CDBG funds were expended during the Program Year and **\$40,000** was leveraged. Community Development worked closely with Buildings & Grounds to make these projects a reality. A total of **\$17,347** was invested in downtown streetscape amenities through Elmira Downtown Development's Operation Green Streets Program

Funds for Public Services and Non-Profits

A total of **\$101,000** was provided to assist **5** non-profit organizations to provide services, programs, and projects aimed at benefiting low to moderate income Elmira residents. Services provided included funding for community centers, CASA, housing counseling services, homeless prevention. These services benefit more than **1,200** City of Elmira residents.

