



City of Elmira FY 2015- 2016 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, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016. 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 **\$1,787,518** was expended during the Program Year. This amount reflects **\$ 340,442** for a Section 108 loan obtained in 1999 for the First Arena. This summary demonstrates some of the City's overall housing, community development, economic development, and public service accomplishments and activities.

\$518,024 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, **22** owner-occupied housing units were rehabilitated and completed using **\$306,007** in CDBG and HOME funds. The Near Westside Neighborhood Association continued its One House at a Time program and spent **\$70,017** HOME funds rehabilitating a mixed use property located at 355 Davis Street. Additionally, **\$12,000** in funding was provided to Glove House to assist with capital improvements at 510 W. Church Street.

13 new First-Time Homebuyer closings took place and homebuyers benefited from a total of **\$130,000** in down payment and closing cost assistance and pre-counseling. Within the City, **134 households** received Housing Counseling services from Catholic Charities and **21 households** received Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Services.

Funds for Public Services and Non-Profits

A total of **\$104,000** was provided to assist **6** 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, Habitat for Humanity, Catholic Charities housing counseling services and homeless prevention. These services benefit more than **1,700** City of Elmira residents.

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 Quatrano Park utilizing CDBG, Community Foundation, and Anderson Foundation funds. Improvements included a new swing set with an expression and ADA swing and an ADA-accessible merry-go-round. This park has been a wonderful example of community partnership with the community garden adopted by ARC of Chemung. Community Development staff assisted with the new spray park and enhancements at Pulaski Park. A total of **\$19,122** in CDBG funds were expended during the Program Year and **\$14,450** was leveraged. Community Development worked closely with Buildings & Grounds to make these projects a reality. A total of **\$1,591** was invested in downtown streetscape amenities through Elmira Downtown Development's Operation Green Streets Program.

