



## City of Elmira FY 2016- 2017 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, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017. 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 **\$1,249,145** was expended during the Program Year. This amount reflects **\$ 368,686** 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.

#### **\$246,300 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, **15** owner-occupied housing units were rehabilitated and completed using **\$166,300** in CDBG and HOME funds. Additionally, **\$10,000** in funding was provided to Glove House to assist with capital improvements at 460 W. Church Street.

**7** new First-Time Homebuyer closings took place and homebuyers benefited from a total of **\$70,000** in down payment and closing cost assistance and pre-counseling. Within the City, **158 households** received Housing Counseling services from Catholic Charities and **20 households** received Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Services. Second Place East provided shelter for **458** individuals.

#### **Funds for Public Services and Non-Profits**

A total of **\$95,000** 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, Habitat for Humanity, Catholic Charities housing counseling services and homeless prevention. These services benefit more than **1,186** City of Elmira residents.

#### **Revitalization Efforts**

Community Development staff invested significant time working with Housing Visions on their Chemung Crossing project as the project begins construction in September 2017. The Chemung Crossing project will substantially rehabilitate 2 existing buildings and construct 6 new buildings, creating 45 new housing units affordable to individuals and families earning between 30%- 60% of the Area Median Income.

The Chemung Crossing Project complements the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI), Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative ESPRI, and larger-scale neighborhood revitalization plans. Staff was successful in obtaining a “Zombie” and Vacant Properties grant, selection as one of 18 New York cities to participate in the Cities Rise Program, and efforts to create a Chemung County Land Bank. These initiatives will enhance the impact that current and future CDBG and HOME investments will have on the City of Elmira, especially low to moderate income residents.

