



City of Auburn, Maine

Community Development

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**Substantial Amendment
2015-2019 Consolidated Plan &
FFY2018 Action Plan – City of Auburn**

The 2018 Action Plan was adopted by the City Council on May 7, 2018. A CDBG Entitlement grantee, in accordance with the CDBG regulations at 24 CFR 570.902, must have a balance no greater than one and one-half (1.5) times its annual grant remaining in the line-of-credit, 60 days prior to the end of the program year. HUD has a longstanding policy of reducing the future year's grant of a grantee that continues to be untimely. Several factors, including more than anticipated program income and budgeted projects encountering changes/delays, have put the city at risk of exceeding the balance allowed by HUD. A proposed expansion of the Senior Center in Pettengill Park is a project would meet HUD's eligibility requirements and is considered "shovel ready". This amendment will make \$300,000 of CDBG funds available for the expansion of the Senior Center which will help to avoid violating HUD regulations.

- 1) Add "I. Improve quality of life for seniors" as a high priority goal of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan.
- 2) Add a CDBG Activity to the FFY2018 Action Plan for the expansion of the Senior Center at Pettengill Park. Move CDBG funds of \$200,000 earmarked for Housing Rehabilitation and \$100,000 earmarked for Public Infrastructure to the new Senior Center. This project is listed under the new "Improve quality of life for seniors" high priority goal of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. Activities that will be eligible under this project include design and construction for the expansion of the senior center. The City of Auburn is committed to providing its senior population with a high quality of life. The expansion of the senior center has been identified as a "shovel ready" project that meets that goal. The expansion will allow the existing center to offer more programming to better serve residents.
- 3) Remove "and to revitalize storefront spaces in the target areas" from the Program Objective of the Storefront Traffic Accelerates Revitalization (STAR) Business Loan program. Remove "must be located in one of the following CDBG target areas:



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Downtown, New Auburn, and Union Street.” and replace with “must be located in Auburn.” This change recognizes that businesses throughout the municipality create economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income households and makes the program available to businesses city-wide.