

**City of Chicopee, MA**  
**FY 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan Amendment #1**  
**FY 2014-2015 Action Plan Amendment #1**

*November 9, 2014*

***Jurisdiction:*** City of Chicopee

***Jurisdiction Web Address:*** [www.chicopeema.gov](http://www.chicopeema.gov)

***URL for Amendment Proposals:*** <http://www.chicopeema.gov/page.php?id=74>

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***Notice of Public Hearing:***

The City of Chicopee through its Office of Community Development will conduct a Public Hearing regarding the development of the five year Consolidated Plan and FY2015 Annual Action Plan.

The hearing will also solicit input on an Amendment to the FY2014 Annual Action Plan and the 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan.

The City of Chicopee is in the process of developing a new five-year Consolidated Plan, which is a document required by the US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). The Five-Year Plan includes broad goals and objectives to address priority needs with the use of resources available from HUD. The City will additionally seek input on the FY 2014 Amendment and FY2015 Annual Action Plan.

The Community Development Department is hosting a meeting on Monday, December 1, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the Chicopee Public Library, 449 Front Street, Chicopee, MA.

Public input is sought on community needs, current programs and strategies, and gaps and priorities for housing, community service, homeless, community development, neighborhood preservation and revitalization, employment and economic opportunity programs and services.

The hearings and workshops are fully accessible and open to all. Individuals requiring American sign interpreters or other reasonable accommodations are asked to contact the office at (413) 594-1490 seven days prior to the meeting.

***Introduction:***

The City of Chicopee receives funds annually from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) which includes Community Development Blocks Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program Grants. For receipt of these funds, the City must submit a five (5) year, long range plan known as the Consolidated Plan. During the term of the Consolidated Plan, the City must develop an Annual Action Plan describing how funds will be used each year to address the goals and objectives defined within the Consolidated Plan.

The City of Chicopee’s FY 2014-2015 Action Plan had been submitted to and approved by HUD. The City now proposes to amend this plan as follows:

**Proposed New Activity:**

1. **Activity Name:** Business Assistance Program
  
2. **Activity Type:** The City proposes to use approximately \$150,000 of CDBG funding for Special Economic Development Activities as outlined in 24 CFR 570.203(a).
  
3. **National Objective:** Low and Moderate income Jobs.
  
4. **Activity Description:** The City will provide assistance in the form of a loan to a for profit business entity for property acquisition in support of expanded business operations. The expanded business operations are expected to create 5 new jobs that will be made available to low and moderate income individuals.
  
5. **Location Description:** The City of Chicopee will carry out this activity in the Chicopee Center neighborhood. This area is within a CDBG target area as outlined in both the Consolidated Plan and the 2014-2015 Action Plan. The specific location of the activity is 41-51 Center Street.
  
6. **Performance Measures:** In FY 2014-2015 the acquisition and expansion will be completed. The 5 new jobs for low and moderate income individuals will be created within one year of the property transaction.
  
7. **Total Budget:** In FY 2014-2015 the City of Chicopee will fund this activity in the approximate amount of \$150,000. It is expected that additional private investment of \$150,000 will also be made within a 2 year period.
  
8. **Responsible Organization:** Center Group LLC, organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and having its usual place of business at 13 Center Street, Chicopee Ma 01013

**9. Project Start Date:** Proposed date for acquisition is on or before January 30, 2015.

**10. Project End Date:** Project is projected to create the 5 new low/moderate income jobs within 1 year of property acquisition.

***Community Comment Period:***

The City encourages its citizens to participate in the development of the proposed amendment described herein and is hereby making it available for public review and comment during a thirty (30) day public comment period beginning from the date of publication. All interested citizens who are unable to attend the public hearing referenced herein, but wish to submit written comments regarding the proposed amendments may do so by addressing them to:

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Or by email to:

[cdietz@chicopeema.gov](mailto:cdietz@chicopeema.gov)

All written comments must be received at the above address no later than December 9, 2014 by 5:00 p.m. to be considered. All timely comments received will be considered and incorporated into the final proposed amendment. A copy of the final amendment will be submitted to HUD and will also be made available for review on the Office of Community Development's webpage at: <http://www.chicopeema.gov/page.php?id=74> and as hard copies at the Office of Community Development, 38 Center Street, and Office of Planning at 274 Front Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor.

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