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CITY OF WHITE PLAINS CELEBRATES NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK APRIL 2 – 6, 2018

WHITE PLAINS, NY – April 2, 2018. Mayor Tom Roach has issued a proclamation declaring April 2 – 6, 2018 as National Community Development Week in White Plains. During this week, the City of White Plains celebrates the work of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The City of White Plains was designated as a CDBG Entitlement Community in 1974 by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. CDBG remains one of the most important federal resources available for devising flexible solutions to meet community development needs.

White Plains Mayor Tom Roach said, “The City of White Plains is a proud recipient of HUD Community Development Block Grant funding. CDBG has had a huge impact upon the City and our residents by funding home repairs, supporting parks, providing grants to public service agencies such as El Centro Hispano, the Slater Center, the Ecumenical Food Pantry, and so many more. CDBG funds are essential to help our most vulnerable residents and improve the overall conditions of our neighborhoods.”

Over the past 44 years, more than \$75 million of CDBG funding has provided White Plains with vital resources for the community including housing rehabilitation, community, senior and youth services, public infrastructure such as parks, and community facility rehabilitation – to name a few. These activities primarily target low-income and moderate-income residents. Since its inception in 1974, CDBG funds have provided the residents of White Plains with:

- **\$25 Million** for loans and grants for housing rehabilitation, community facility rehabilitation, and historic preservation. Over 1,500 single family homes and 3,000 multi-family units have had rehabilitation and improvements with CDBG funding support.
- **\$9.6 Million for public improvements** such as improvements to public facilities, street and sidewalk improvements, senior centers and the development of parks and recreational facilities, among others.



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- **\$9.8 Million for public services** such as services for senior and youth projects, recreation services, comprehensive community services, employment training, services for the homeless and hungry, services for the disabled, fair housing activities, among others.
- **\$4.5 Million for code enforcement** ensuring safe and sanitary housing conditions for all residents.

For more information, or to learn how CDBG funds can assist you or your organization, please contact the City of White Plains Planning Department, 914.422.1300 or planning@whiteplainsny.gov.

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