

## 2016-2020 CITY STEPS Amendment #1

The City of Iowa City proposes an amendment to the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan (known as, CITY STEPS) to utilize \$50,000 in Year One (Fiscal Year 2016) for sidewalk curb cuts in the downtown commercial district to improve accessibility and prevent slum and blight. The Consolidated Plan currently apportioned these funds for building façade improvements and micro-enterprise assistance. This new activity will also be an eligible activity from Year Two to Year Five under the economic development set-aside. At their April 12, 2015 meeting, the Housing and Community Development Commission (HCDC) will discuss this proposed amendment and consider a recommendation to the City Council.

Although the commission does not anticipate allocating significant funds to Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements due to the nature of CDBG funds, access for pedestrians and persons with disabilities is a community need and frequently mentioned as an obstacle for low income residents to achieve their highest degree of self-sufficiency. Also, the Consolidated Plan is a document that other city departments and outside agencies use to document need for projects funded with local, state, or other federal funding sources.

### Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements

<b>03K Street Improvements</b>	
Plan to Fund:	Yes
Funds Source:	CDBG