

Public Notice and Notice of Public Hearing

Howard County Department of Housing and Community Development PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ANNUAL ACTION PLANS

November 29, 2018

In accordance with 24 CFR Part 91 of the federal regulations governing the Consolidated and Annual Action Plans and Howard County's Citizen Participation Plan, notice is hereby given that the Howard County Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is proposing to amend its' FFY17 and FFY18 Annual Action Plans.

The proposed amendments generally involve the reallocation of approximately \$100,000.00 in HOME and \$111,507.52 in CDBG Program funds, allowing the County to utilize prior year's projects/activities which have unobligated balances and to reprogram funds to other approved projects in order to fulfil the County's obligation of creating affordable housing and community development.

The new activities are described below:

The Department of Community Resources and Services (DCRS) has been awarded HOME program funds to use for a tenant based rental assistance (TBRA) program. Howard County DCRS' Continuum of Care Programs McKinney I, II, and III propose to utilize HOME program funds to provide tenant based rental assistance to existing persons who were homeless upon entry with a diagnosed disability for two years, as part of the County's Match contributions. In the FFY15 CoC competition, Howard County's CoC's Fair Market Rents were decreased at the federal level; the utilization of HOME funds as match for TBRA will allow the CoC program to continue housing the existing population, while working with federal, state and other county partners on identifying a permanent solution to maintaining appropriate program funds for the permanent supportive housing units. **Award Amount \$40,000**

IHomes Inc., at present the only certified Community Housing and Development Organization (CHDO) will use a portion of the HOME Investment Partnership funds for the construction costs associated with the Hicks Road project. This project will yield nine (9) single room occupancy (SRO) units for a much-needed sub-population of Howard County; adults with developmental or mental disabilities. IHomes Inc. will continue to partner with Humanim Inc. to provide other supportive and rehabilitative services to these individuals. **Award Amount \$60,000.00.**

In order to preserve affordable housing, Howard County will utilize CDBG funds for a future affordable housing project for either property acquisition, disposition, rehabilitation and/or facilities improvement in connection with the development of affordable housing units. This includes but is not limited to the provision and preservation of rental housing, or homebuyer activities that will create affordable housing units and ultimately prevent and reduce instances of homelessness. **Award Amount \$101,507.52**

The Department of Housing and Community Development will host training on Affirmative Marketing for all of its subrecipients, landlords and other non-profit partners in Howard County. This training will serve to eliminate biases in the marketing of affordable rental units throughout the County. In addition to this training, additional program funds will be utilized for fair housing activities that may arise during the program year. **Award Amount \$10,000.00**

Interested citizens, agencies and organizations are welcomed and encouraged to comment on the proposed amendments. A Public Hearing will be held on **Wednesday 12, December 2018 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Conference room #212, located at 9820 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 224, Columbia, Maryland 21046. **If you plan on testifying, a written copy of your testimony should be provided no later than Tuesday 11, December 2018 at 5:00 pm.**

Persons wishing to otherwise comment on the proposed amendments may do so in writing by addressing such comments to Ms. Elizabeth Meadows, DHCD Chief, Community Planning and Grants, DHCD at 9820 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 224, Columbia, Maryland 21046. **All comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Monday 10, December 2018.**

Should you need a sign language interpreter, a translator for persons with limited English proficiency or accommodations for persons with disabilities, requests for such services could be made by contact Mrs. Quanita Kareem, Compliance Officer at (410) 313-3386 Department of Housing and Community Development at least three (3) working days prior to the hearing.

The table on the following page shows the proposed allocation of funds as follows:

Action Plan Year	Disbursing Activity	Initial Allocation	Revised Allocation	Amount to be Reprogrammed	Receiving Activity
FFY17	FFY17 Living in Recovery Acquisition (HOME)	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 0	\$ 40,000.00	TBRA (FFY17 Activity)
				\$60,000.00	iHomes Inc. Hicks Road Development (FFY18 New Activity)
FFY17	FFY17 Roger Carter (CDBG)	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 98,492.48	\$ 101,507.52	Future Affordable Housing Project (FFY18 New Activity)
FFY18	FFY18 Fair Housing (CDBG)	\$9,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$0.00	Affirmative Marketing Training(FFY18)
FFY18	FFY18 Program Administration (CDBG)	\$241,572.80	\$231,572.80	\$10,000.00	Program Administration (FFY18)
Total				\$ 211,507.52	