



Public Notice and Notice of Public Hearing

Howard County Department of Housing and Community Development PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO FFY2016 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

May 18, 2017

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 FFY16 Annual Action Plan.

The proposed amendments involve the reallocation of \$60,000.00 in HOME Program funds to an activity and project that presents as an immediate need. This activity is an eligible use of HOME Program funds and aligns with the Annual Action Plan goal #10, HO-3 Prevention and Housing.

The new activity is described in further detail below:

DHCD will partner with Howard County Department of Community Resources and Services (DCRS') to accomplish this Action Plan goal. DCRS' Continuum of Care (CoC) Programs McKinney I, II, and III will utilize HOME program funds to provide tenant based rental assistance (TBRA) to persons who were homeless upon entry in the coordinated system, and 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 \$60,000.00

Interested citizens, agencies and organizations are welcomed and encouraged to comment on the proposed amendments. A Public Hearing will be held on Thursday 08, June 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Gateway Building, Room 303 at 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Columbia, Maryland 21046. If you plan on testifying, a written copy of your testimony should be provided no later than Thursday 08, June 2017 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 Management, DHCD at 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Columbia, Maryland 21046. All comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday 07, June 2017.

Efforts will be made to accommodate the disabled and non-English speaking citizens and a sign language interpreter services will be available upon request with three (3) days advanced notice to Quanita Kareem Tubman, Compliance Office, Howard County Housing Department, at 410-313-3386, or email qkareem@howardcountymd.gov.

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
FFY16	Homebuyer Assistance Program	\$ 149,378.00	\$ 89,378.00	\$ 60,000.00	Tenant Based Rental Assistance (FFY16 New Activity)
Total				\$ 60,000.00	