

PUBLIC NOTICE/NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Howard County Housing
6751 Columbia Gateway Drive
Columbia, MD 21046

December 22, 2016

The Howard County Department of Housing and Community Development invites all interested citizens, community groups, agencies and non-profit organizations to attend a Public Meeting regarding the County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) programs and the development of the FFY2017 Annual Action Plan.

The Action Plan is the County's yearly application that is submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). It is *estimated* that Howard County will receive approximately \$1,034,000.00 in CDBG funds and \$334,000.00 in HOME funds for the FFY2017 Program Year.

The CDBG and HOME programs provide funds that enable Howard County and local organizations to carry out a variety of housing and community development activities intended to principally benefit low to moderate-income residents. Activities may include but are not limited to housing rehabilitation, homeownership assistance, economic development, public facility acquisition or rehabilitation and public service opportunities. Organizations that intend to apply for funding are required to attend this public meeting which will include a brief pre-submission application review.

The Public Meeting will be held on **Thursday, January 5, 2017 at 10 am** in Gateway Building- Room #303, 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Columbia MD 21046.

Applications for funding will be available immediately following the meeting. The application will also be available at the Howard County Housing administrative office at the address noted below and on the County's web page at www.howardcountymd.gov. **The Application submission deadline is Friday, January 27, 2017 at 5 pm.**

If you cannot attend the meeting or would like additional information regarding the development of the FFY2017 Annual Action Plan, please contact Elizabeth Meadows, Chief, Community Development and Grants, at 410-313-6324, or email emeadows@howardcountymd.gov or visit the Howard County Housing office, Third Floor, 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Columbia, MD 21046.

A sign language interpreter will be available upon request by contacting the Department of Citizen Services at (410) 313-6400, three working days prior to the hearing. Efforts will be made to accommodate the disabled and non-English speaking citizens with three (3) days advance notice to Quanita Kareem, Compliance Officer, at 410-313-3386.