

## **PUBLIC NOTICE/NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Howard County Housing  
6751 Columbia Gateway Drive  
Columbia, MD 21046

**November 17, 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 Hearing (Public Needs Hearing #1) 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 Annual Action Plan, which supports the FFY16 Approved Consolidated 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 \$1,035,000 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 Housing 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 encouraged to attend this Public Needs Hearing which will dictate any changes to the FFY17 Applications for both CDBG and HOME.

The Public Needs Hearing will be held on **Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 2:00 PM**, Gateway Building- Room #303, 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Columbia MD 21046.

If you cannot attend the Public Hearing 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](mailto: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.