

PUBLIC NOTICE/NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Howard County Department of Housing
6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, 3rd floor
Columbia, MD 21046

November 16, 2017

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 FFY2018 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 CDBG program and the HOME program. It is anticipated that Howard County will receive approximately \$1,082,979.00 in CDBG funds and \$355,837.00 in HOME funds for the FFY2018 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- and 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 explain any changes to the FFY18 Applications for both CDBG and HOME funding.

The Public Needs Hearing will be held on **Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 1:30 PM**, at the NonProfit Collaborative of Howard County, 9770 Patuxent Woods Drive, Training Room B, Columbia MD 21046.

If you cannot attend the Public Hearing or would like additional information regarding the development of the FFY2018 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 Department of Housing office, 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, 3rd floor, Columbia, MD 21046.

A sign language interpreter will be available upon request by contacting the Department of Housing and Community Development at (410) 313-6318, three (3) business 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.