



PUBLIC NOTICE / NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Howard County Housing
9820 Patuxent Woods Drive, Meeting Room 212
Columbia, MD 21046

March 26, 2020

The Howard County Department of Housing and Community Development invite all interested citizens, community groups, agencies and organizations to attend the following Public Hearings to obtain your comments regarding the development of the FFY2020-FFY2024 Consolidated Plan and the FFY2020 Annual Action Plan (AAP) Draft and proposed Budget. The AAP is the County's yearly application for funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). Funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the CDBG and HOME programs provide funds for a variety of housing and community development activities that principally benefit low and moderate-income residents. The FFY2020 AAP is the first year of proposed five (5) Year Consolidated Plan.

Funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the CDBG and HOME programs provide funds for a variety of housing and community development activities for low and moderate-income residents. The Howard County draft FFY2020 – FFY2024 Consolidated Plan and FFY2020 Annual Action Plan was made available for review and comment starting February 24, 2020 at Howard County Housing, 9820 Patuxent Woods Dr., Suite 224, Columbia, MD 21046. The Action Plan Draft is also available on the Department's page at https://www.howardcountymd.gov/housing_grants.

Public Hearing Dates and Locations

Effective March 18, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Howard County non-emergency County offices and facilities, including the County Council office, were closed to the public until further notice. Government operations, including those of the County Council are continuing through teleworking. To provide comments or concerns for the remaining two hearings, please use the email information below:

Thursday, April 09, 2020 – 6:00 PM

Housing and Community Development Board

Provide comments: housing@howardcountymd.gov

Monday, April 20, 2020 – 7:00 PM

County Council Telework Session

Provide comments: councilmail@howardcountymd.gov

If you plan on testifying, a written copy of your testimony or comments should be provided prior to the hearings and must be directed to Kelly Cimino, Director, Howard County Department of Housing and Community Development or to Elizabeth Meadows, Chief, Community Planning and Grants, at the Department's address in the notice above. Written comments must be received no later than 5:00 pm on the date of the Hearings and all comments must be received by the end of the day on April 20, 2020. (5pm)

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 advance notice to Quanita Kareem, Compliance Officer, Howard County Housing Department, at 410-313-3386, or email qkareem@howardcountymd.gov.