

NOTICE OF SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE FY2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND AMENDMENT TO THE 2020 CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

The West Virginia Development Office (WVDO) and the West Virginia Housing Development Fund (WVHDF) are providing a public comment period concerning a proposed substantial amendment to the FY2019 Annual Action Plan (AAP) for funding provided to the State by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The AAP summarizes the actions, activities, and the resources that will be used each year for the following housing and community development programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Housing Trust Fund (HTF), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). Under the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the State will receive \$8,377,856 in CDBG-CV1 funding for use in non-Entitlement areas; \$5,690,597 in ESG-CV funding, and \$84,023 in HOPWA-CV for use statewide. In a second round of CDBG CARES Act Funding, the State will receive \$5,750,278 in CDBG-CV2 funding for use statewide.

DESCRIPTION OF THE AAP AMENDMENT: To effectively address the impact of COVID-19 on West Virginia, the State proposes the addition of 3 activities to the FY2019 AAP for CDBG-CV: Planning, Public Facilities and Public Services. The following activities are proposed under Planning: community development plans and individual project plans related to addressing the COVID-19 Pandemic. The following activities are proposed under Public Facilities: acquisition, rehabilitation or construction of public facilities related to addressing the COVID-19 pandemic. The following activities are proposed under Public Services: provision of new or quantifiably increased public services that address the COVID-19 pandemic. The State also proposes the following: amending the HOME Method of Distribution; adding the CDBG-CV1, CDBG-CV2, ESG-CV and HOPWA-CV funding along with the Methods of Distribution.

DESCRIPTION OF THE CPP AMENDMENT: The 2020 Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) will amend the comment period from 30 to 5 days and notice of public comment from 14 to 7 days. The CPP establishes policies and procedures for citizen participation, which are designed to maximize the opportunity for citizen participation in the community development process for the CDBG, HOME, HTF, ESG, and HOPWA programs.

PUBLIC REVIEW: A comment period will begin on Monday June 15th, 2020 and will continue until close of business on Monday June 22nd, 2020. The proposed amendments in the FY2019 Annual Action Plan (AAP) and 2020 Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) will be available on the WVDO website at <https://wvcad.org/resources>, the State's Regional Planning and Development Councils (RPDC), and by calling the WVDO at 304-957-2096. In the event the State's RPDCs or the WVDO offices are closed due to a State or National Emergency, arrangements will be made to review the plans by calling WVDO at 304-957-2096. To be considered in the plans, written comments will be received in the WVDO at the address below, attention Ryan Halsey, or submitted via email to Ryan.J.Halsey@wv.gov until the close of business on Monday June 22nd, 2020.

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