



May 5, 2020

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Matthew LaMantia, Deputy Chief, Office of Community Development

SUBJECT: Draft Program Year (PY) 2019 Substantial Amendment (CARES Act) Annual Action Plan and PY 2020 National Housing Trust Fund Allocation Plan Notice of Public Hearing and Public Comment Periods

Program Year (PY) 2019 Ohio Consolidated Plan Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment (CARES Act) Public Hearing Notice and 5-Day Comment Period

As required by 24 CFR 91.115, the state must post a previously approved Annual Action Plan for public comment if a substantial amendment is to occur. The state of Ohio has defined substantial amendments under the Citizen Participation Plan section of the Annual Action Plan as consisting of "changes to existing distribution methods or program guidelines as stated in the plan documents, new program initiatives or budgetary changes more than 10% of the original budget amount."

The state of Ohio has received Ohio Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program, and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program as part of the CARES Act allocation. The amounts, by program, along with the eligible communities and activities have been included in the PY 2019 Substantial Amendment (CARES Act) posted for public comments. The purpose of the CARES Act allocation awarded to Ohio is to mitigate economic impacts caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Due to the COVID-19 state of emergency, the Ohio Development Services Agency (Development) will allow interested parties to submit written testimony via email to ocd@development.ohio.gov any time during the public comment period between May 25, 2020, and June 1, 2020. Interested parties must submit comments via email to the email address above by 11:59 p.m. on June 1, 2020. Questions regarding the plans or comment process should be directed to Ian Thomas at Ian.Thomas@development.ohio.gov.

PY 2019 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment (CARES Act) Virtual Public Hearing Notice

May 26, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Via Webex

Draft Program Year (PY) 2020 Ohio National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF) Allocation Plan

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released the [PY 2020 Housing Trust Fund Federal Register Allocation Notice](#) on April 24, 2020. Due to the fact that the NHTF allocation was released after the PY 2020-2024 Ohio Consolidated Plan public hearing and comment period, Development is required to post the NHTF Allocation Plan with the final allocation awarded to Ohio included and submitted as a substantial amendment to the state's PY2020 – 2024 Ohio Consolidated Plan.

The PY 2020 NHTF Allocation Plan will be released for the 15-day public comment period on May 25, 2020, with a public hearing scheduled for May 26, 2020. The final draft will be submitted to HUD following the public comment period. Interested parties must submit comments via email to ocd@development.ohio.gov by 11:59 p.m. on June 9, 2020. Questions regarding the plans or comment process should be directed to Ian Thomas at Ian.Thomas@development.ohio.gov.



NHTF Allocation Plan Public Hearing Notice

May 26, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Via Webex

This PY20 NHTF Allocation Plan builds upon the original allocation plan to implement best practices identified in operating the NHTF program and to incorporate changes and revisions necessary to comply with the Interim Rule or HUD approval requirements.

Note: All NHTF activities must adhere to the requirements of 24 CFR Part 93; to any extent this Allocation Plan conflicts with that Interim Rule, the Rule shall govern. These guidelines may be subject to change pending developments in federal and state legislative requirements and/or Development policy.

Questions concerning the PY2020 NHTF Allocation Plan should be directed to ian.thomas@development.ohio.gov.

A public hearing on the PY 2019 Annual Action Plan substantial amendment and PY 2020 NHTF Allocation Plan will be held at the date, time and link above. Development will accept oral or written testimony at that time. Public comments or questions regarding the plans or comment process should be directed to Ian Thomas at Ian.Thomas@development.ohio.gov