

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **NON-SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Subject to approval by the Prince George's County Council, the Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) seeks to notify the County of its intent to modify the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan, as amended on November 16, 2020, for the purpose of a non-substantial amendment of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Annual Action Plan in order to revise the County's Fiscal Year (FY) 2021, Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2020, formula allocations for the following entitlement program: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program, to account for modifications outlined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

On February 18, 2020, HUD released the original Federal FY 2020 formula allocations for participating jurisdictions. On July 21, 2020, the County Council and County Executive adopted and approved County Resolution, CR-046-2020: FY 2021 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development. On December 18, 2020, HUD notified the County of an error in HUD's initial formula allocations for Federal FY 2020 for the CDBG and HOME entitlement programs. As such in order to be consistent with the revised final allocations and applicable local jurisdiction amendment requirements, Grantees, such as Prince George's County, must have their AAP based on the corrected Federal FY 2020 allocations for the CDBG and HOME Programs.

Please note that the County's FY 2021 – 2025 Citizen Participation Plan, which is embedded in the County's FY 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan, indicates that the Prince George's County Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan is only amended for a "substantial change" whenever it makes the following decisions:

- A change in the allocation priorities or a change in the method of distribution of funds;
- The addition of an eligible activity not originally funded or described in the Annual Action Plan;
- A change in the location, description, regulatory reference, national objective citation, and status of an activity originally described in the Annual Action Plan;
- A change in the use of CDBG, HOME, Program Income, or ESG funds, exceeding at least \$250,000 from one existing activity to another existing eligible activity in any category within the applicable Program. All activities must have been in an approved Annual Action Plan. The CDBG categories include Affordable Housing, Economic Development, Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements, Public Services and Planning and Administration. The ESG categories include Emergency Shelter, Street Outreach, HMIS, Rapid-Rehousing, Homeless Prevention and Administration;
- Designations for Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (NRSAs); and
- A change in the proposed uses of HUD 108 Loan Guarantee and Section 108 Program Income.

Based on the Citizen Participation plan, DHCD has determined that neither a "Substantial Amendment," nor a public hearing is required because there is:

- No change in allocations priorities or a change in the method of distribution of funds;

- No addition of an eligible activity not originally funded or described in the Annual Action Plan;
- No change in the location, description, regulatory reference, national objective citation, and status of an activity originally described in the Annual Action Plan;
- No change in the use of CDBG, HOME, Program Income, or ESG funds, *exceeding at least \$250,000* from one existing activity to another existing eligible activity in any category within the applicable program;
- No designation for Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (NRSAs); and
- No change in the proposed uses of HUD 108 Loan Guarantee and Section 108 Program Income.

Based on the aforementioned description in the 2021-2025 Citizen Participation Plan, the revision to the Federal FY 2020 formula allocations as it relates to the CDBG and HOME Programs is not a substantial amendment to the County FY 2021 Annual Action Plan. As such, DHCD seeks to authorize a “non-substantial amendment” process for the change in formula allocation to the CDBG and HOME Program funds, in the amounts of \$787 and \$429, respectively. The table below describes the original formula allocations and the new final allocations:

Federal Programs	County FY 2021 Original Funding Allocations	County FY 2021 Revised Final Funding Allocations	Difference	Percent Change
CDBG	\$5,162,548	\$5,161,761	(\$787)	-0.02%
HOME	\$1,610,233	\$1,609,804	(\$429)	-0.03%

A copy of the Modified FY 2021 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development is available on the County’s website:

[www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/dhcd/resources/plansandreports/](http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/dhcd/resources/plansandreports/). Alternately, the Modified Plan can be mailed, upon request, by contacting DHCD at 301-883-5540 or 301-883-5570.

Written comments may be sent to the Prince George’s County Department of Housing and Community Development, Community Planning and Development Division at 9200 Basil Court, Suite 500, Largo, Maryland, 20774. For more information, please contact the Community Planning and Development (CPD) at 301-883-5570 or 301-883-5540, TDD 301-883-5428.

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By Authority of:

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