

October 24, 2018

Dear Community Development Partners:

The City of Baltimore through its Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and Mayor's Office of Human Services (MOHS) wishes to notify citizens, non-profit organizations and City Departments of its intent to apply for funding under four Federal formula programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership, Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).

DHCD and MOHS will conduct a public hearing on November 28, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., in the Board of Estimates Room, City Hall, 100 N. Holiday Street, Baltimore Maryland 21202. The purpose of this hearing is to afford citizens an opportunity to discuss community needs and review the City's past performance with regard to the four formula programs.

It is projected that the following amounts will be awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and available to the City for City Fiscal Year (CFY) 2020 starting July 1, 2019:

Community Development Block Grant Program	\$21,400,000
Estimated CDBG Program Income	\$ 600,000
HOME Program	\$ 4,500,000
Estimated HOME Program Income	\$ 100,000
Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS	\$ 8,415,000
Emergency Solutions Grant Program	<u>\$ 1,745,000</u>

TOTAL ANTICIPATED CFY 2020 FUNDING \$36.760.000

No CFY 2020 appropriations for these programs have been made. Amounts shown are projections. The actual amounts, if any, received by the City may be greater or lesser.

It is expected that approximately 90% of the CDBG funds will be used for activities benefiting low- and moderate-income persons. The remainder of funds will go towards activities that eliminate slum and blighting conditions. For both the HOME and ESG programs, 100% of the funding will benefit households with annual incomes of less than 80% of Area Median Income. HOPWA funds are restricted to housing and services for persons with AIDS and their families.

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DHCD is also inviting non-profit organizations and City Departments to submit proposals for projects to be funded through the **CDBG Program**. The major focus of Baltimore's CDBG program is physical and social development activities. A restricted portion of the grant funds can be expended for public services and administrative and planning costs. Please note that requests for funding under these categories will be carefully scrutinized to ensure adherence to expenditure caps.

The CDBG application will be available on October 26, 2018 on our website www.DHCD.BaltimoreHousing.org. At the home page, click on Agency Directory in the upper left hand corner and click on Community Development Block Grant. This will take you to the CDBG application materials and a power point presentation providing general information on CDBG rules and regulations and instructions on how to complete the application. Paper copies of the CDBG application will not be mailed out.

Submission Requirements

- Separate applications must be completed for operating support and capital projects.
- One original and two copies of each proposal must be submitted to the DHCD/CDBG Office.
- The deadline for submission of proposals (hand delivered or mailed) is 4:30 p.m. December 7, 2018.
- Copies of the application will be available on request at the CDBG Office at 417 E. Fayette Street, Room 1101, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.
- DHCD will begin accepting requests for CDBG funding from October 29, 2018 through December 7, 2018.

All proposals for CDBG funds should be addressed and delivered to:

Stephen Janes, Deputy Commissioner CDBG Office, Suite 1101 417 E. Fayette Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202. (410) 396-4051

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Persons interested in applying for funding under the HOME, ESG and HOPWA Programs should contact the following:

HOME Program

James Majors, Director DHCD - Project Finance 417 E. Fayette Street Baltimore, Maryland, 21202 (410) 396-5562

ESG & HOPWA Programs

Terri Hickey, Director Homeless Services Program Mayor's Office of Human Services 7 E. Redwood Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202 (443) 984-0001

For general information regarding the public hearing and submission of CDBG proposals, please contact Lorraine Cannon at (410) 396-3507. We look forward to your attendance at the public hearing.

Sincerely,

Michael Braverman Commissioner

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