



BALTIMORE CITY  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

September 23, 2020

Dear Community Development Partner:

The City of Baltimore will conduct a Public Hearing to obtain the views of citizens on housing needs to be considered for submission of an application to the State of Maryland Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for funds awarded through the Federal CARES Act. Funds must be used to prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus by providing rental assistance for low-income households.

The Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) estimates that over 25% of low-income Baltimore renters have some level of delinquent rent. The state funds being applied for would be an addition to almost \$30 million that the City has committed to rental assistance programs since the COVID-19 public health emergency and related business closures. DHCD launched the Temporary Rental Assistance Program over the summer. The Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success will oversee a longer-term Eviction Prevention program to be implemented by the Baltimore City Community Action Partnership. The State CDBG funding being applied for under this grant will support rental assistance payments under the Eviction Prevention program.

Citizens will have the opportunity to discuss the proposed application and to identify other needs to be considered. The hearing will be held via the Webex platform from 11:30am-12:30pm on Thursday, October 1, 2020. Citizens may join up to 10 minutes early and also participate by telephone.

Meeting specifics are as follows:

Meeting Number: 173 479 2010

Password: PubHCDBG-CV2

<https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/j.php?MTID=m6b495de85f7f5e24a5e87d70ccb98f29>

Join by Video System

Dial 1734792010@bmore.webex.com

You can also dial 173.243.2.68 and enter your meeting number.

Join by Phone

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Access code: 173 479 2010

The City proposes to apply for \$2,000,000 to assist low-income Baltimore residents with delinquent rent. The draft application will be available for public review from September 24 to October 1 on the DHCD website under Plans & Reports, at <https://dhcd.baltimorecity.gov/m/plans-reports>, and on the MOCFS website under Eviction Prevention at <https://www.bmorechildren.com/eviction-prevention>.

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Efforts will be made to accommodate the disabled and non-English speaking residents. Please contact Valerie Piper at [Valerie.piper@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Valerie.piper@baltimorecity.gov) for further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Ronk Moriarty".

Susan Moriarty, Chief  
CDBG Office

VP/SM