

Substantial Amendment to New York State's Consolidated Plan, 2021 Annual Action Plan & HOME ARP Allocation Plan

NOTICE of Public Participation Opportunity

New York State is creating a substantial amendment to its approved 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan and 2021 Annual Action Plan in order to address the following changes: Addition of clearance-only activity under the Slum/Blight national objective for CDBG; Provide a process by which qualified non-profits may apply for and achieve official designation as a Community Based Development Organization (CBDO) under 105(a)(15) of the HCDA; memorialize a risk assessment and monitoring process for awarded CDBG projects; and the addition of the HOME ARP Allocation Plan. The American Rescue Plan (ARP) provides funding to assist individuals or households who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations, by providing housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter, to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability across the country.

In accordance with HUD guidelines, Rules sections 91.115(b)(4), substantial amendments to the 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan and 2021 Annual Action Plan must be published for public comment. **This 30-day public comment period will begin on June 22, 2022 and extend through close of business on July 22, 2022. Beginning on June 22, the HOME Allocation Plan and the substantial amendment to the 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan may be viewed on and downloaded from the New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) website at www.hcr.ny.gov.** In addition, electronic copies of either document can be requested from either email listed below.

In addition, The State of New York has prepared an Allocation Plan for the administration of the HOME ARP program, funded through the American Rescue Plan Act. The program aims to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability across the State. The State of New York seeks to obtain the views of citizens and interested parties on the HOME ARP Allocation Plan. In addition to accepting comments, the State will conduct a virtual public hearing on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 10 am EST to give an overview of the HOME ARP Allocation Plan and accept verbal testimony from any interested party. Hearings may be attended virtually or at any of the four following Housing and Community Renewal offices: 641 Lexington Avenue in New York City; 38-40 State Street in Albany; 620 Erie Boulevard West in Syracuse; and 535 Washington Street in Buffalo. Information on how to participate in the virtual public hearing may be found at <https://hcr.ny.gov/pressroom> or by emailing Rachel.Yerdon@hcr.ny.gov. **Reservations will be REQUIRED for individuals wishing to attend the hearings in person. If you would like to attend in person, please RSVP at the email below or by calling (518) 486-3452 no later than 5:00 pm July 8, 2022.**

Written comments can be sent throughout the comment period and can be mailed to 38-40 State Street, Albany NY, 12207; or e-mailed to HCRConPln@hcr.ny.gov or Rachel.Yerdon@hcr.ny.gov. All comments must be received by close of business July 22, 2022.