



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

FY 2016 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

As set forth in 24 CFR Part 91, the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires state agencies that administer certain HUD programs to incorporate their planning and application requirements into one master plan called the Consolidated Plan. In Louisiana the three state agencies participating in this consolidated planning process and the HUD funded program(s) administered by each agency include the Division of Administration/Office of Community Development (Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program), the Louisiana Housing Corporation (HOME Investment Partnerships Program and the Emergency Solutions Grants Program), and the Department of Health and Hospitals/STD/HIV Program (Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program). A summary of the programs follows.

The **Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program** provides financial assistance to parishes with an unincorporated population of less than 200,000 and municipalities with a population of less than 50,000 in their efforts to provide a suitable living environment, essential community facilities, and expanded economic opportunities. Eligible activities include community infrastructure systems such as water, fire protection, sewer, and street improvements, and economic development assistance in the form of grants for infrastructure and grants for local governments to make loans to private businesses. Projects funded under this program must principally benefit persons of low and moderate income, prevent or eliminate slums and blight, or meet urgent community development needs.

The objective of the **Home Investment Partnerships Program** is to provide safe, decent, and affordable housing and housing opportunities for low and very low-income households by providing financial and technical assistance to recipients/subrecipients, and to extend and strengthen partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector, including for-profit and nonprofit organizations, in the production and operation of affordable housing.

The purpose of the **Emergency Solutions Grants Program** is to assist local governments and community organizations in improving and expanding shelter facilities serving homeless individuals and families, in meeting the cost of operating homeless shelters, in providing essential services, and in performing homeless prevention activities.

The **Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program** provides localities with the resources and incentives to devise and implement long-term comprehensive strategies for meeting the housing needs of persons with acquired immuno-deficiency syndrome (AIDS) or related diseases and their families.

The agencies administering these programs are beginning to prepare the Consolidated Annual Action Plan for FY 2016. The Consolidated Annual Action Plan will include specific program requirements for the proposed distribution of funds received under the FY 2016 federal funding allocation for the aforementioned HUD programs.

The State will hold a public hearing to obtain views on the housing and community development needs of the State; those comments will assist the agencies in developing the Consolidated Annual Action Plan for FY 2016. For those persons who are unable to attend the public hearing, written comments on the needs of the State may be submitted beginning June 9, 2015 and will be accepted until June 24, 2015. Written comments may be mailed to the Office of Community Development, Post Office Box 94095, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9095, faxed to 225/342-1947, or emailed to carol.newton@la.gov.

The public hearing will be held on June 9, 2015, at 1:30 p.m. in the V. Jean Butler Board Room in the Louisiana Housing Corporation building. The Louisiana Housing Corporation is located at 2415 Quail Drive, which is off of Perkins Road near the Pennington Biomedical Research Center in Baton Rouge. This facility is accessible to persons with physical disabilities. Non-English speaking persons and persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations should contact the Office of Community Development at 225/342-7412 or at the mailing address, fax number, or email address given in the preceding paragraph at least five working days prior to the hearing.