

**THE CITY OF NEW YORK
THE DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR
AMENDMENTS TO THE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN,
2020 HOME ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND 2018 & 2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLANS**

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, COMMUNITY BOARDS, GROUPS, AND PERSONS:

The Department of City Planning (DCP) is announcing a **5-day public comment period from August 25, 2020 until August 29, 2020** for proposed substantial amendments to the *2018 and 2019 Annual Action Plans*, *the 2020 HOME Annual Action Plan* and *the Citizen Participation Plan*.

The *Annual Action Plan* contains the City of New York's application to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the four HUD Office of Community Planning and Development entitlement programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA).

As a result of the COVID-19 crisis, the City is proposing changes within its 2018 and 2019 CDBG programs to enable the City to fund programs aimed at responding to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Additionally, at the end of March 2020, Congress passed and President Trump signed into law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), which makes available funding for grants to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. HUD announced the allocations for the first CARES Act funding, with each allocation having the suffix -CV. New York City received \$158,942,119 CARES Act Supplemental funding for FY 2020: \$102,084,020 for CDBG-CV; \$6,351,063 for HOPWA-CV; and \$388,717,969 for ESG-CV.

Besides the CARES Act funding, the City will be allocating \$74,633,261 in HOME funding for Program year 2020.

In order to access the CARES Act funding, it is necessary to amend the City's current Citizen Participation Plan to include:

- An update to the Citizen Participation General Timeline
- Exceptions to Public Comment and Notice requirements during local, state, and national emergencies.

These amendments and the 2020 HOME Annual Action Plan will be made available for download via the Department of City Planning's website at **www.nyc.gov/planning**.

Printed copies of the amendments will not be made available due to the COVID-19 health crisis.

Written comments may also be submitted online at <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/planning/about/consolidated-plan.page> or to Ms. Lisa Rambaran either via mail at the Department of City Planning, 120 Broadway, 31st Floor, New York, New York 10271 or email: Con-PlanNYC@planning.nyc.gov.

The public comment period will end close of business August 29, 2020.

Lastly, the Department of City Planning will be transitioning to an email noticing platform. Please sign up to be on our email list at <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/planning/about/consolidated-plan.page> or send us an email at Con-PlanNYC@planning.nyc.gov.

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