

**HENNEPIN COUNTY
PUBLIC COMMENT SOLICITED and
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Hennepin County Board of Commissioners is soliciting public comment on the Hennepin County Consortium Draft 2024 Action Plan, which will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in May 2024. The Hennepin County Consortium includes all cities in suburban Hennepin County.

Purpose: The 2024 Action Plan will guide the use of approximately \$5.0 million in funding for housing and community development activities in suburban Hennepin County through the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG). All funding comes from HUD. The Consortium's 2024 Action Plan program year runs from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Written comments will be accepted for 30 days beginning March 27, 2024 and ending April 30, 2024. Written comments must be submitted by 4:30 p.m., April 30, 2024, and be addressed to Julia Welle Ayres, Housing Development and Finance Director, Hennepin County Housing and Economic Development Department, 701 Fourth Avenue South, Suite 400, Minneapolis, MN 55415, or julia.welleayres@hennepin.us. A copy of the comments will be included in the documents submitted to HUD.

The draft 2024 Action Plan will be available March 27, 2024 on the county's website (<https://www.hennepin.us/your-government/research-data/housing-plans-accomplishments>). If you would like a copy of either draft plan or have questions, please contact the Hennepin County Department of Housing and Economic Development 612-543-4342.

Additionally, a Public Hearing on the 2024 Action Plan will be held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at the Administration, Operations and Budget Committee meeting of the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners.

PLEASE NOTE, the public hearing will be conducted via telephone and other electronic means as allowed under Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.021 and Revenue Procedure 2020- 21, issued by the Internal Revenue Service on May 4, 2020, as modified by Revenue Procedure 2020-49, issued by the Internal Revenue Service on November 4, 2020. Interested persons may attend the public hearing by telephone conference by using the following instructions and all such persons shall be given an opportunity to express their views with respect to the Hennepin County Consortium Action Plan. To attend the public hearing via telephone, call the toll-free dial-in telephone conference number 855-340-8151.

If you need help to make it possible for you to be active in the public hearing such as sign language interpreter or assisted hearing equipment, this help can be provided if you ask. To ask for help, please call 612-543-4342 at least three days prior to the hearing.