

Legislation Text

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Item Description:

Establish a public hearing on the Hennepin County Consortium 2024 HUD Annual Action Plan on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing to obtain public comment on the Hennepin County Consortium 2024 Annual Action Plan for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) be held before the Administration, Operations and Budget Committee of the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 1:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as practicable, to be conducted via telephone and other electronic means; and that staff be directed to publish notice of the public hearing.

Background:

Hennepin County is the lead agency for the following U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) entitlement programs in suburban Hennepin County: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). As a prerequisite to receiving HUD funds, the county is required to develop a five-year plan outlining the jurisdiction's housing and community development needs and priorities. Hennepin County's current five-year Consolidated Plan, approved May 19, 2020 (Resolution 20-0186), covers funding years 2020-2024.

Each year the county is required to submit an Annual Action Plan, which constitutes the county's formal application to HUD for its CDBG, HOME, and ESG allocation. The 2024 Annual Action Plan describes how the county plans to use the allocation during the program year, July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, to address the priority needs identified in the five-year Consolidated Plan.

In the CDBG program, seven communities will receive a direct allocation from the county based on the federal CDBG formula which includes population, overcrowding, and poverty. Direct allocation communities prepare funding recommendations consistent with the allocation amount, conduct local public hearings, and submit city council authorized funding requests to the county. The remaining 32 communities participate in a "Consolidated Pool" and compete for funding through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process. Consolidated Pool proposals are reviewed and ranked by a selection committee (consisting of city staff from various Consolidated Pool communities), which then submits funding recommendations to the county.

HOME Program funding recommendations are the result of a competitive RFP process. Proposals are reviewed and ranked by an advisory committee consisting of Hennepin County staff and city staff from various participating communities.

ESG funding recommendations will be formulated by the Hennepin County Human Services and Public Health Department (HSPHD).

Public comment will be solicited on the draft 2024 Annual Action Plan for 30 days. The Clerk of the Board will publish notice of the public hearing in the official newspaper of the county; Housing and Economic Development Department will publish notice of the public hearing in newspapers serving suburban Hennepin County and will distribute the notice to interested individuals, agencies and organizations. The draft 2024 Action Plan will be available March 27, 2024 on the county's website

(www.hennepin.us/yourgovernment/researchdata/housingplans accomplishments). Individuals may request a copy of the draft plan or ask questions by contacting the Hennepin County Department of Housing and Economic Development 612-543-4342.

The Board will consider 2024 HUD entitlement funding awards and submission of the 2024 Annual Action Plan to HUD at the May 14, 2024 County Board Meeting.

Current Request:

This request is to establish a public hearing on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 1:30 p.m., to obtain public comment on the Hennepin County Consortium 2024 Annual Action Plan.

Impact/Outcomes:

This public hearing is established to obtain public comment on the 2024 Annual Action Plan. A public hearing is required by HUD in order to qualify for entitlement funding for the CDBG, HOME and ESG Programs.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval