

PUBLIC NOTICE
SUMMARY
2017 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

Public Hearings

Please join the City of Houston's Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) for the spring public hearings to present and receive comment on the Draft 2017 Annual Action Plan (Plan). Hearings will be:

- **Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall Annex, 900 Bagby Street, 77002**
- **Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Acres Homes Multi-Service Center, 6719 W. Montgomery Road, 77091.**

Both venues are accessible for persons with disabilities. For additional information or to request special arrangements (interpreter, sign language, CART for the hearing impaired), contact Mary Itz at mary.itz@houstontx.gov or 832.394.6179.

The public hearings will also be a forum to discuss fair housing and related issues. Residents with suggestions or concerns will be provided opportunity to voice those issues during the public hearing. For specific questions or concerns about fair housing or landlord/tenant relations, please contact 832.394.6200.

Purpose and Summary

The **2017 Annual Action Plan (Plan)** is the City of Houston's application for federal funds. The application is submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnerships Grant (HOME), the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Grant (HOPWA), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).

Funding priorities are housing, supportive services, infrastructure/neighborhood facilities, and economic development. The goals of the **2017 Plan** are to (1) **enhance quality of life**, (2) **expand homeownership opportunities**, (3) **foster community economic development**, (4) **preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing**, (5) **promote fair housing**, (6) **provide assistance to persons affected by HIV/AIDS**, (7) **reduce homelessness**, and (8) **revitalize communities** for Houstonians, the majority of whom are low- and moderate-income. The format and information presented in the Plan are based on HUD requirements.

Throughout the **Plan** development process, HCDD collaborates with residents, community stakeholders, neighborhood-based organizations, and non- and for-profit agencies to determine strategies to benefit low- and moderate-income Houstonians. Information about the planning process is made available at public hearings. The fall public hearings were held on Monday, December 5, 2016 and Thursday, December 8, 2016. The spring public hearings are scheduled for Tuesday, March 28, 2017 and Thursday, March 30, 2017, as stated above.

The **Summary of the Draft 2017 Annual Action Plan** describes how the estimated \$40,242,535 in federal funds and \$248,587 in program income will be used to benefit income-eligible residents during the 43rd Program Year (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018). Allocations are subject to change by HUD. HUD has not announced allocation amounts for the upcoming HUD Program Year. Therefore, allocation amounts listed are estimated. Once the allocation amounts are announced, the following proposed dollar amounts for each budget activity will be adjusted using the percentages listed.

Sources of Federal Funds

Community Development Block Grant - \$22,072,479

Public Facilities and Improvements	\$5,208,600	23.6%
Public Services	\$3,201,554	14.5%
ESG Match	\$500,000	2.2%
Single-Family Home Repair	\$4,000,000	18.1%
Homeownership Assistance	\$1,000,000	4.5%
Lead-Based Paint	\$750,000	3.4%
Multifamily Housing	\$300,000	1.4%
Economic Development	\$100,000	0.5%
Code Enforcement	\$2,597,830	11.8%
Program Administration	\$4,414,495	20.0%

HOME Investment Partnerships Grant - \$6,883,543

Multifamily Acquisition/Rehabilitation/New Construction/Relocation/Program Delivery	\$5,162,657	75.0%
Single-Family Acquisition/Rehabilitation/New Construction/Relocation/Program Delivery	\$1,032,532	15.0%
Program Administration	\$688,354	10.0%

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Grant - \$9,543,100

Operating Costs	\$1,780,000	18.7%
Supportive Services	\$2,300,000	24.1%
Project or Tenant-based Rental Assistance	\$3,500,000	36.7%
Short-Term, Rent, Mortgage & Utility Assistance	\$908,790	9.5%
Resource Identification/Technical Assistance/Housing Information	\$100,000	1.0%
Grantee Administration	\$286,293	3.0%
Sponsor Administration	\$668,017	7.0%

Emergency Solutions Grant - \$1,992,000

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	\$80,000	4.0%
Emergency Shelter	\$662,600	33.3%
Homeless Prevention	\$400,000	20.1%
Rapid Re-Housing	\$700,000	35.1%
Administration	\$149,400	7.5%

Public Review and Comment Period

View the **Draft 2017 Plan** at the following locations:

- Online at www.houstontx.gov/housing
- Main Public Library – 500 McKinney, 77002
- HCDD Office – 601 Sawyer, Suite 400, 77007 (copies may be obtained at this location)

The public may comment on this **Draft Summary** and the **Draft 2017 Annual Action Plan** during the 30-day review period extending from **Monday, March 13 through Wednesday, April 12**. Residents may also submit comments during the scheduled public hearings, as listed above. HCDD encourages public input and participation in the Plan development process. Public comments may be submitted by email to: mary.itz@houstontx.gov or by mail: HCDD, ATTN: Mary Itz, 601 Sawyer, Suite 400, Houston, Texas 77007. The Plan shall be made available in an accessible format upon request. Responses to public comments will be available upon completion of the 2017 Annual Action Plan.