

WASHINGTON COUNTY
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
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COMBINED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PUBLIC COMMENT
PERIODS FOR THE 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND SUBSTANTIAL
AMENDMENT TO THE 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Washington County Community Development Agency is accepting public comments beginning March 19, 2021 through April 20, 2021 on the Washington County 2021 Annual Action Plan and Proposed Amendment to the 2020 Annual Action Plan. The Annual Action Plans outline the use and activities of Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds that will help address the high priority needs and objectives of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. This also amends the 2018, 2019 and 2020 Action Plans.

Funding is based on 2021 allocations and program income received to date of this publication. Any further program income received will be applied proportionately to the activities by the amount needed to meet the final funding allocation. The following are proposed uses for the 2021 Program Year:

- Two Rivers Community Land Trust: \$90,220 (HOME) and \$75,530 (CDBG) to acquire, rehabilitate and resell three owner-occupied units of affordable housing to low-moderate income homebuyers in Washington County.
- Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity: \$300,000 (HOME) for new construction of four Washington County owner-occupied units of affordable housing to low-moderate income homebuyers.
- Washington County Home Improvement Loan Program: \$380,857 (CDBG) to provide deferred loans to low-moderate income households for home improvements.
- Washington County: \$105,320 (CDBG) to provide homeless prevention services and assistance in Washington County.
- Washington County CDA: \$140,427 (CDBG) and \$34,073 (HOME) for program administration.
- Community Development Housing Organization (CHDO): \$45,483 available for a Consortium-Wide project.

2020 Annual Action Plan Amendment:

Under Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Impact Act (CARES Act), waivers were provided for Program Year 2019 and 2020, including the 15% public services activities cap. In order to exercise these waivers, Washington County will reallocate funding provided to the 2020 Home Improvement Loan Program and Program Administration projects to public service projects. Any additional program income received will be applied proportionately to the activities by the

amount needed to meet the final funding allocations for 2020 thus decreasing the amount needed from the Home Improvement Loan Program and Administration.

Proposed 2020 Annual Action Plan Amendments:

- Swap funding in the amount of \$300,000 CDBG funding (Administration \$173, 158 +/-, Home Improvement Loan Program \$40,000 +/-, and unallocated/program income \$86,842 +/-) to public service activities:
 - Washington County Homelessness prevention services staffing \$150,000
 - Washington County CDA homeownership services \$15,000
 - Washington County CDA homeownership grants \$135,000

Copies of the Draft 2021 Annual Action Plan and Substantial Amendment to the 2020 Annual Action Plan are available for review at the Washington County CDA offices and available on its website at <https://washingtoncountycda.org/our-organization/public-notices/>

Persons seeking more information on the 2021 Annual Action Plan or the 2020 Substantial Amendment should contact Angela Shuppert, Community Development Programs Manager, at 651-379-9551. Written comments can be mailed to the Washington County CDA at 7645 Currell Blvd., Woodbury, MN 55125 and/or emailed to: publiccomment@washingtoncountycda.org. Comments will be accepted through 4:30 pm C.D.T. on Tuesday April 20, 2021. Members of the public can participate in the public hearings on Tuesday April 20, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. on the proposed 2021 Annual Action Plan and 2020 Substantial Amendment in one of the following ways:

- Leaving a voicemail at 651-458-6556;
- Emailing to: publiccomment@washingtoncountycda.org; or
- Participating by telephone during the meeting.
 - In order to do so, you must sign up at least one hour before the meeting by sending your full name, business/organization name or residential address, phone number, email address, and agenda item you wish to speak on to publiccomment@washingtoncountycda.org
 - You will be sent a call-in number and conference ID and participation directions an hour before the meeting.
 - Comments submitted by voicemail, online or by telephone during the meeting will be equally considered. There is no need for a person to submit the same comments in more than one method.

RFPs and Bids

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BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE WASHINGTON COUNTY
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

/s/ Melissa Taphorn

Melissa Taphorn
Executive Director

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