

**CITY OF PLANO**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT FOR 2019-2020 ACTION PLAN**  
**AND PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN**  
**FOR THE USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND**  
**HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS**

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**ACTION PLAN**

In October 2019, the City of Plano anticipates receiving from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), \$1,349,727 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and \$514,643 in HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds. The City also anticipates receiving \$120,000 in CDBG program income and \$6,750 in HOME program income during the period of October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020 (Grant Year 2019).

The purpose of the CDBG and HOME programs is to support and perform activities that primarily benefit low and moderate income persons. Total HUD funds in the amount of \$1,913,923 will be used to fund activities during Grant Year 2019. An additional \$77,197 was not allocated by the Community Relations Commission (CRC) and will be used to fund activities during Grant Year 2020. Based on the goals and objectives of the City's HUD Consolidated Plan, the CRC has recommended the following CDBG and HOME activities:

<b>2019-2020 ACTION PLAN</b>			
1.	<b>Housing Rehabilitation</b>	Proposed Amount	CDBG: \$849,782 CDBG Program Income: \$120,000 HOME: \$133,982 HOME Program Income: \$6,750
<p>This program provides low-interest rehabilitation and reconstruction loans to low and moderate income renter and owner-occupied households. Terms of loans are based on need and ability to repay. The program also provides for emergency repair grants and acquisition, rehabilitation, and resale of single-family homes to low and moderate income homebuyers. The program is administered at 7501-A Independence Parkway, Plano, TX 75025, and activity locations are city-wide.</p>			
2.	<b>First Time Homebuyer Assistance and Education</b>	Proposed Amount	CDBG: \$10,000 HOME: \$252,000
<p>This program provides down payment and closing cost assistance to low and moderate income families purchasing homes in Plano. Assistance amount is based on the buyer's level of income and requires completion of homeownership counseling. The program is administered at 7501-A Independence Parkway, Plano, TX 75025, and activity locations are city-wide.</p>			
3.	<b>Homelessness Prevention</b>	Proposed Amount	CDBG: \$122,000
<p>This program will provide rent or mortgage payments and utility assistance for low income families in Plano who are at risk of homelessness. The activity is located at and administered by the Assistance Center of Collin County at 900 18th Street, Plano, TX 75074.</p>			
4.	<b>Texas Muslim Women's Foundation</b>	Proposed Amount	CDBG: \$44,545
<p>This program will provide supportive services including case management, counseling, emergency shelter, and transitional housing to women who are victims of domestic violence. The program location is confidential.</p>			

5.	<b>Boys &amp; Girls Clubs of Collin County</b>	Proposed Amount	CDBG:	\$53,455
This program will provide after-school and summer programs to help low income Plano children enhance their academic success, nutrition, character, and leadership. The activity location is at the Douglass Community Center, 1111 H Avenue, Plano, TX 75074.				
6.	<b>Grant Administration</b>	Proposed Amount	CDBG:	\$269,945
Grant administration includes planning, coordination, and monitoring of the CDBG and HOME programs, as well as fair housing promotion, services, and counseling. The activity location is 7501-A Independence Parkway, Plano, TX 75025.				
7.	<b>Affordable Housing Expansion</b>	Proposed Amount	HOME:	\$77,197
Activities may include: Purchasing and developing residential lots for new construction of affordable housing units; acquisition, rehabilitation and resale; and homeowner-occupied housing rehabilitation. All activities will serve low and moderate income families. Funds are expected to be allocated on October 1, 2020 to a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO). No CHDOs applied for Grant Year 2019 funding.				
<b>TOTAL CDBG and HOME RECOMMENDED: \$1,991,120</b>				

It is estimated that at least 95% of all funds to be expended will benefit low and moderate income persons. None of the proposed CDBG and HOME activities are expected to directly or indirectly result in displacement of persons. Should any displacement occur, the City has a plan to assist displaced persons that conforms to the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act.

### **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN**

The City of Plano is committed to providing its citizens opportunities to participate in the planning, implementation, and assessment of the use of funds received from HUD. The City's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) sets forth the policies and procedures for citizens to participate in the use of HUD funds by providing public notice, holding public hearings, and opening public comment periods. The City must follow the processes set forth in the CPP before finalizing and submitting reports to HUD. The CPP applies to the following for utilizing HUD funds: 1) Five Year Consolidated Plan, 2) Annual Action Plan, 3) Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report, 4) Substantial Amendments, and 5) Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH).

### **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN**

In March 2016, HUD published a new, final rule regarding the obligation to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing. The new rule replaced the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (AI) with an Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH). The AFH is an examination and determination of: 1) fair housing data, 2) assessment of fair housing issues, and 3) identification of fair housing priorities and goals for the implementation and use of the City's HUD funds. In June 2016, the City amended its CPP to include citizen participation requirements related to the AFH. In May 2018, HUD published three notices in the Federal Register that, in effect, suspended the AFH requirement indefinitely and reinstated the pre-existing requirement to complete the AI.

The proposed amendment to the CPP indicates the suspension of the AFH requirement and includes consultation and community participation requirements for the City to follow in developing and finalizing its AI. For the AI, this proposed amendment includes the following:

- Holding at least two public hearings for the AI, one during its development and one after its publication;
- Observing a thirty (30) day comment period before the AI is finalized;
- Defining the Substantial Amendment process for amendments to the AI and the Citizen Participation Plan; and,
- Providing other guidelines for access to records, technical assistance, and complaints.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

A public comment period will be open from June 17, 2019 to July 22, 2019. The public may review the Action Plan and Proposed Amendment to the Citizen Participation Plan in-person at the Neighborhood Services Department, 7501-A Independence Parkway, Plano, TX 75025. City department office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Action Plan and the Proposed Amendment to the Citizen Participation Plan may also be reviewed online at <https://plano.gov/660/Housing-Urban-Development-HUD-Grants>.

Comments regarding the Action Plan and Proposed Amendment should be directed to Shanette Eaden, Housing and Community Services Manager, 7501-A Independence Parkway, Plano, TX 75025, Phone: (972) 208-8150, Email: [shanettee@plano.gov](mailto:shanettee@plano.gov). Comments received by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 22, 2019, will be provided to City Council. Comments may also be made at the public hearing (see below). Comments received after the public hearing will not be sent to HUD.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

The Action Plan and Proposed Amendment to the Citizen Participation Plan will be reviewed by City Council, and the public may comment at a public hearing on Monday, July 22, 2019, to be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Plano Municipal Center, 1520 K Ave, Plano, TX 75074.

### **ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT**

The Plano Municipal Building is wheelchair accessible. A sloped curb entry is available at the main entrance facing Municipal/L Avenue, with specially marked parking spaces nearby. Access and special parking are also available on the north side of the building. Requests for sign interpreters or special services must be received forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting time by calling the Neighborhood Services Department at (972) 208-8150.

