

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC REVIEW
FOR THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE PROGRAM YEAR 2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

Cumberland County has prepared a Substantial Amendment to its Program Year (PY) 2019 Annual Action Plan. This notice provides information regarding the public review period required under Federal Regulations at 24 CFR 91.105 and Federal Regulations waivers due to the COVID-19 crisis.

BACKGROUND

On March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, was signed, providing \$5 billion for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to rapidly respond to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and the economic and housing impacts caused by this unprecedented crisis.

Cumberland County was awarded \$509,194 in CDBG CARES Act funding (CDBG-CV) during the first round of allocations and \$435,210 during the third round of allocations. The cumulative amount for all allocation rounds brings the total amount of the CDBG-CV award to \$944,404. A Substantial Amendment to the PY 2019 Annual Action Plan is required, and usually a thirty (30) day public comment period is required. However, HUD has waived this requirement provided that no less than five (5) days are provided for public comments on each substantial amendment.

The Substantial Amendment to the Annual Action Plan will allocate CDBG-CV program funding for specific programs and projects. These programs and projects are required to primarily benefit low- and moderate-income residents for a given year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The draft plan will be available for public comment and review from **January 8, 2021 through January 19, 2021**. Due to temporary closures of certain facilities and to help protect the community and staff from the spread of novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the Cumberland County Community Development Department will limit distribution of the plans. Review of the documents will be available at the following locations:

- Cumberland County Community Development, 707 Executive Place, Fayetteville, NC (by appointment only)

In addition to the location listed, the documents will also be available on the Cumberland County's website at www.co.cumberland.nc.us (through the Community Development Department). The public is invited to submit written comments on the proposed Amendment. All questions and comments relative to the document must be received by 5:00 p.m., January 19, 2021 at the Cumberland County Community Development office. Written comments can be submitted by mail to Cumberland County Community Development, 707 Executive Place, Fayetteville, NC 28305 or by email to cccdinfo@co.cumberland.nc.us.

PUBLIC HEARING

All citizens of Cumberland County are invited to the public hearing and may listen in on the public hearing that will be held live on **January 19, 2021** via the Cumberland County website (co.cumberland.nc.us), Facebook page (facebook.com/CumberlandNC), Youtube page (youtube.com/user/CumberlandCountyNC/videos), and on Fayetteville Cumberland Education Channel (FCE-TV) Spectrum Cable Channel 5. The meeting will begin at 6:45 p.m. Any questions about the public hearing process may be directed to the Clerk to the Board at 910-678-7771.

ACCESSIBILITY TO MEETINGS AND DOCUMENTS

CCCD is committed to providing equal access to its facilities, programs, and services for persons with disabilities by holding all meetings in locations that are handicapped accessible. Individuals requesting any form of reasonable accommodations for public meetings/hearings should do so five (5) business days prior to the advertised meeting. However, if a request is made within the five (5) business days, every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate the request.

If you have questions concerning the plan or the public hearing, please call (910) 323-6112 or visit the Cumberland County Community Development Office.