

**June 19, 2020**

**Notice of Public Comment Period and Public Hearing – State of Arizona Citizen Participation Plan and Substantial Amendment to the FY2019 HUD Action Plan for HOPWA-CV and ESG-CV1 funding**

On March 27, 2020 the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) was signed into law to assist states and communities in their efforts to prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus COVID- 19. The CARES Act included supplemental formula allocations to US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs, including HOPWA-CV \$57,316 and ESG-CV1 \$5,950,572 for the State of Arizona. The addition of HOPWA-CV and ESG-CV1 funds requires a substantial amendment to the FY2019 HUD Action Plan.

HUD provided multiple waivers to program procedures to facilitate and expedite the use of these funds. Waivers included an ability to amend the Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) and allow for no less than five (5) days public comment period, use of the internet to notify the public and make the Substantial Amendment available to the public, and use of virtual meetings to allow for input and comment. Arizona's CPP was amended to reflect this expedited process.

HOPWA-CV funds are administered by the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH). HOPWA-CV funds will be distributed to two HOPWA project sponsors - Mohave County and Northland Cares. Six percent (6%/\$3,439) of HOPWA-CV funds will be retained by the ADOH for administration; of the remaining funds, project sponsors will use 10% (\$5,388) for administration and 90% (\$48,489) to provide short-term rent, mortgage and utility assistance to prevent homelessness among an estimated 30 people living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

ESG-CV1 funds are administered by the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES). ESG-CV1 funds will be distributed through a grants process pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes 41-2703 and will take into account the needs of service areas, availability of service providers, and availability of other resources to meet current and emerging needs. Approximately 73% of ESG-CV1 funds will be used for temporary emergency shelter, and 27% will be used for homelessness prevention. It is anticipated that ESG-CV1 funding will benefit 600 people and 300 households.

The Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) will hold a virtual public hearing via webinar to receive input on the Citizen Participation Plan and FY2019 HUD Action Plan substantial amendment on **Wednesday June 24, 2020 at 2:00 pm.**

To join the public hearing, you will need to click the link below to register to be an active participant for this hearing. Once you are registered, you will receive the meeting link. Registration Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcsd-6tqTMtHtLDxwBQf80itU7CIm3TRiRa>

The hearing will provide for online commenting. ADOH will also accept written comments through June 24, 2020. Please direct questions and comments to [publiccomment@azhousing.gov](mailto:publiccomment@azhousing.gov).

Both plans are available in draft form for public review through June 24, 2020 at <https://housing.az.gov/documents-links/publications>.