

PUBLIC NOTICE
Availability of the Draft 2022 Annual Action Plan and
Notice of Substantial Amendment to Prior Years Annual Action Plans
For the County of Montgomery, PA

In accordance with the Federal regulations at 24 CFR Part 91, the County of Montgomery has prepared a Draft 2022 Annual Action Plan for Community Planning and Development. This document is a requirement for direct assistance under certain U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding programs including the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), the Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG). Additionally, the County has included in the plan funding for projects to be allocated through the local Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF) and the Housing Reinvestment Partnership. The County of Montgomery has applied for a grant from the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) in the amount of \$300,000. Priorities for this DED grant include rapid re-housing.

HUD regulations and Montgomery County's Citizen Participation Plan require the publication of a notice which:

- a) States the availability of the Draft 2022 Annual Action Plan and locations where copies are available for examination; and
- b) Summarizes the Draft 2022 Annual Action Plan.

Availability

The Draft 2022 Annual Action Plan is available during the period of June 6, 2022 through July 6, 2022 for citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties to examine its contents and to submit comments. Citizens may submit their comments through the mail, telephone or via email. Comments will be received until July 6, 2022. Comments submitted by mail should be addressed to: Chair, Montgomery County Board of Commissioners, P.O. Box 311, Norristown, PA 19404-0311, or to Kayleigh Silver, Administrator, Office of Housing and Community Development, P.O. Box 311, Norristown, PA 19404-0311 or by email to ksilver@montcopa.org.

The Draft 2022 Annual Action Plan is available for public examination online at www.montcopa.org, by following the links to Departments, Health & Human Services, Program Offices, Housing & Community Development, and Reports. Persons with disabilities or limited English-speaking ability requiring access to the plan in an alternative format should contact the Office of Housing and Community Development at 610-278-3540 for provision of the plan in the desired format at no cost to the requester.

Summary

The Draft 2022 Annual Action Plan addresses and contains Montgomery County's Housing, and Non-Housing Needs, Objectives, an Action Plan, Proposed Projects, and other required statements.

The purpose of the Annual Action Plan is to establish reasonable bases for housing and non-housing assistance. In this regard, it details the uses of expected funds in Program Year 2022. At this date, Montgomery County expects to receive and allocate funds (including Program Income and Recaptured funds) as follows:

- a) \$3,752,163.00 in CDBG funds for housing rehabilitation and non-housing needs (public facilities and infrastructure, public services, and homeless shelter projects) (includes \$3,313,452 in 2022 entitlement funds and \$438,711 in recaptured funds);
- b) \$3,352,652.40 in HOME funds for affordable housing needs (includes \$1,548,513 in 2022

entitlement funds,\$1,153,442.02 in program income received and \$496,870.48 in anticipated program income;

- c) \$285,525.00 in ESG funds for homeless needs and emergency shelter programs;
- d) \$700,000.00 from the Montgomery County Affordable Housing Fund for housing needs; and
- e) \$1,250,000.00 in Housing Reinvestment Partnership funds for housing needs.

The Draft 2022 Annual Action Plan includes the amount of funds which will benefit persons of very low, low, and moderate income, as well as plans to minimize displacement of persons. No displacement is proposed or expected.

For those activities that involve rental housing assisted through the CDBG and HOME Programs, the County of Montgomery has adopted the Fair Market Rents and/or the HOME Rents as determined by HUD and published in the Federal Register, as affordable rents for affected properties.

Amendments

In accordance with federal regulation at 24 CFR Part 91 whenever the County proposes to amend an Annual Action Plan or the Five Year Consolidated Plan, the County is required to afford citizens an opportunity to comment on the proposed changes. As required in § 91.505 (b), Montgomery County has adopted a Citizen Participation Plan which sets forth the criteria the County will use for determining what constitutes an amendment to the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans. Montgomery County has determined that the proposed activities described below meet the criteria for an amendment to the Annual Action Plans:

Community Development Block Grant

Project Number: B-16-03-102	\$342,000.00	Cancellation
Cheltenham Township – Lamott Community Center		

Home Investment Partnerships Program

Project Number: M-15-13-301	\$18,543.73	Cancellation
Montgomery County Housing Authority - Homebuyers		

Project Number: M-18-13-301	\$50,000.00	Cancellation
Montgomery County Housing Authority - Homebuyers		

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT CDBG-CV

In accordance with CDBG program regulations, the County is allowed to make substantial amendments to its Annual Action Plan and Budget in accordance with the County’s Citizen Participation Plan which was revised in June 2020 in accordance with the CARES Act. Montgomery County has determined that it is necessary to amend the approved CDBG program budget for the previously approved program year PY 2019 Annual Action Plan. This is considered a substantial amendment in accordance with the County’s Citizen Participation Plan as the following applies: a) Adding or dropping an activity.

The Substantial Amendment to the PY 2019 Annual Action Plan proposes to cancel the following amounts from the CDBG-CV3 projects listed below:

Permanent Housing for Persons Experiencing Homelessness	\$280,000.00
HRC Housing Stability Case Management Services	\$213,055.25
Homelessness Prevention Services	\$1,000,000.00
Administration	\$200,000.00

The total amount cancelled of \$1,693,055.25 is being proposed for re-allocation in the 2019 Program Year action plan for the following projects:

Your Way Home – Street Outreach	\$150,000.00
Legal Aid – Legal Aid for Housing Stability	\$100,000.00
Resources for Human Development – Emergency Shelter Services	\$138,200.00
Resources for Human Development – Emergency Housing Facility	\$1,229,855.25

In order to obtain the views of residents, public agencies and other interested parties, the County has placed the Substantial Amendment on public display beginning June 6, 2022. The Amendment is available for public examination online at www.montcopa.org, by following the links to Departments, Health & Human Services, Program Offices, Housing & Community Development, and Reports. This document will be available to the public for a period of thirty (30) days until July 6, 2022, after which time the Substantial Amendment will be considered by the Commissioners for submittal to HUD for approval.

Public Hearing - Due to current public health concerns, a virtual Public Hearing on the Annual Action Plan and prior year Action Plan Substantial amendment will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. You must register to attend and the link to register as at the bottom of this notice. Interested parties may attend the hearing and present their comments on the Draft Plan. If you have a special need and require an accommodation in order to participate, please contact the office at 610-278-3540. Advance notice of 5 days is required for sign-language or non-English speaking interpreter services, at no cost to the requester.

Citizens who may have an interest in projects which may impact historic resources should make themselves known so that the County can involve them in the notification and review process of the National Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (as set forth in 36 CFR Part 800). Please contact the Office of Housing and Community Development no later than July 15, 2022 to be included in the Part 800 notification process.

The Board of Commissioners has a meeting tentatively scheduled for July 21, 2022, to take final action on the Plan and proposed amendments. County residents wishing to attend this Commissioners' meeting can visit the County's website at www.montcopa.org for the exact date and time of the meeting. After considering citizen comments, the Plan will be adopted with such modifications as deemed appropriate. Montgomery County intends to submit the 2022 Annual Action Plan to HUD on or before August 12, 2022. HUD approval of the Plan is expected on or before October 1, 2022.

Public Hearing: June 23, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. registration link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUoduqurD8uGtPINQ1r8PPNmPNPXeCunLO8>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.