

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FUNDING

A "Virtual" Meeting of the City Council of the City of Tampa has been called by the Chair of the City Council to conduct a public hearing on the City of Tampa's FY21 One year Action Plan which includes the Community Development Block Grant Program ("CDBG"), Emergency Solutions Grant Program ("ESG") HOME Investment Partnership Program ("HOME") and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program ("HOPWA"). Due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency, this Council meeting will be held in accordance to the declarations and provisions of the Governor's Executive Order 20-69 and conducted by remote participation or teleconferencing, referred to by Florida statutes and rules as "communications media technology". Meeting details are as follows:

Date: Thursday, April 16, 2020

Time: 9:30 am

Location: Virtual. **Proceedings may be accessed (currently audio format only) at Spectrum Channel 640, Frontier Channel 15 and <https://www.tampagov.net/livestream>. Please check the City of Tampa webpage for updates on additional formats.**

Since this meeting will be conducted with the use of communications media technologies, the following alternative methods are provided for members of the public to offer public comment concerning the subject of this public notice at this Virtual City Council meeting:

You can e-mail your comments to: <https://www.tampagov.net/city-council-meeting-public-comment-form>

You can leave a voicemail message with your comments by calling (813)274-8877.

All comments must be received no later than 9:30 AM, Wednesday, April 15, 2020 (24 hours before the virtual meeting) in order to be made a part of the official records.

The purpose of this Public Hearing shall be to:

- 1) Present information concerning the CDBG, ESG, HOME HOPWA programs. Information shall include, but not be limited to, the types of activities previously undertaken, anticipated level of funding, range of eligible activities, and other pertinent program requirements. This information may be provided in writing.
- 2) Obtain the views and comments of citizens concerning community development, priority housing and non-housing needs at the initial stage of program to be used by City staff in the preparation of the FY21 One Year Action Plan.
- 3) Afford to any person or organization the opportunity to be heard on this subject.
- 4) Announce the release of the FY2021/PY2020 Request for Proposals for program funding.

Please note that virtual workshops are available at <https://www.tampagov.net/housing-and-community-development/funding-resources> now through the due date, May 7, 2020. The purpose of these workshops is to:

- a. Present information concerning the CDBG, ESG, HOME, and HOPWA programs. Information shall include, but not be limited to, the types of activities previously undertaken, anticipated level of funding, range of eligible activities, and other pertinent program requirements.
- b. Review the application process.
- c. Clarify all submission dates and provide updated documents.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in the Public Hearing should contact the City of Tampa's ADA Coordinator at least 48 hours prior to the proceeding. The ADA Coordinator may be contacted by phone at 813-274-3964, email at TampaADA@tampagov.net, or by submitting an ADA - Accommodations Request online form available at [tampagov.net/ADARequest](https://www.tampagov.net/ADARequest). ****Closed Captioning is also available through the virtual meeting provider – those wishing to use such provider services are strongly urged to test and become familiar with them and how any assistive features may be accessed in advance of the prior 24 hour period – if you experience difficulty accessing such assistive controls or have other similar questions, please contact the City's ADA Coordinator ****

Although this Virtual Meeting is intended to obtain information for the preparation of the FY2021/PY2020 Annual Action Plan in connection which City Council will not take formal action at this time, any person wishing to appeal any matter to be considered at this meeting shall ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, including all testimony and evidence upon which the appeal may be based (F.S. 286.0105).