

## NOTICE OF SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE FY2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

The West Virginia Development Office (WVDO) and the West Virginia Housing Development Fund (WVHDF) are providing a public comment period concerning a proposed substantial amendment to the FY2020 Annual Action Plan (AAP). The WVHDF received U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) approval for multiple HOME Waivers/Suspensions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**DESCRIPTION OF FY2020 AAP AMENDMENTS:** To better assist low- and very low-income households as they deal with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the following waivers/suspensions are proposed to provide maximum administrative flexibility: 1) Suspension of the 10% limit of the FY 2020 allocation and program income received for administrative and planning costs and increasing the limit up to 25%. 2) Reduction of the CHDO Set-Aside requirement to 0% for fiscal year 2020 allocation. 3) Suspension limiting the amount of CHDO operating assistance up to 5% of each annual HOME allocation and waiving the requirement that a CHDO not currently receiving CHDO Set-Aside funding for a specific project must expect to receive such funding within twenty-four months, and increase the limit up to 10%, permit a CHDO to receive funding to fill operating budget shortfalls, even if the amount exceeds the higher of \$50,000 or 50% of its annual operating budget, and not include a provision in the written agreement that the CHDO is expected to receive CHDO Set-Aside funds within twenty-four months of receiving the additional operating assistance.

**PUBLIC REVIEW:** A comment period will begin on Monday August 31, 2020 and will continue until the close of business on Friday September 4, 2020. The proposed amendments in the FY2020 Annual Action Plan will be available on the WVDO website at <https://wvcad.org/resources>, the WVHDF website at <https://www.wvhdf.com/programs/the-home-investment-partnerships-program>, at the State's Regional Planning and Development Councils (RPDC), and by calling WVHDF at 304-391-8663. In the event the State's RPDCs, the WVDO, or the WVHDF offices are closed due to a State or National Emergency, arrangements will be made to review the plans by calling Catherine Colby, Senior Manager - HOME & HTF Programs, at 304-391-8663. To be considered in the plans, written comments must be received by the WVHDF at the address below, attention Catherine Colby, or submitted via email to [ccolby@wvhdf.com](mailto:ccolby@wvhdf.com) until the close of business on Friday September 4, 2020.

### AGENCY CONTACT

Catherine Colby  
Senior Manager - HOME & HTF Programs  
WV Housing Development Fund  
5710 MacCorkle Ave., SE  
Charleston, WV 25304  
Phone: 304-391-8663  
[www.wvhdf.com](http://www.wvhdf.com)

WVDO and WVHDF conduct business in accordance with the Fair Housing Act (The Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended by the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988) with equal access to all persons regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, and disability.

