

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

AMENDMENT TO THE 2013-2014 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
PUBLIC MEETING

TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

Heard before Stephanie Crider, Presiding Officer
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1 WHEREUPON, the proceedings were had as follows:

2 MS. CRIDER: Good morning. My name is
3 Stephanie Crider, and I am with the Community Development
4 Division. Today we are going to run through a
5 presentation about the Amendment to the 2013-2015 Annual
6 Action Plan.

7 The Annual Action Plan is actually a requirement for
8 the HUD programs here in Montana. We have three of them:
9 The Emergency Solutions Grant, the HOME Investment
10 Partnerships Program, and the Community Development Block
11 Grant. We have -- HUD has three congressionally mandated
12 goals. They are to provide decent housing, provide
13 suitable living environment, and expand economic
14 opportunities.

15 There are several documents which are relevant to the
16 HUD programs. The first is the Consolidated Plan, which
17 is a five-year plan. It's the State's plan that
18 establishes goals, objectives for housing, community and
19 public facilities, and economic development activities.
20 And each year of the Consolidated Plan is updated to
21 include the use of funds. Those annual updates are called
22 the Annual Action Plan. It helps us specify the use and
23 amount of funds to meet the goals and objectives
24 established in the Con Plan, and we often will have -- or
25 we will have, every now and then, amendments to modify the

1 original plans.

2 Right now, we have an Amendment to the 2013-to-2014
3 Annual Action Plan. The Public Comment period began
4 June 10th, 2016, and ends on July 11th, 2016. The
5 document is available online on our Community Development
6 Division's website, on the Consolidated Plan website.

7 The amendment proposes to amend Section V, the methods
8 of distribution. The amended language that we have in
9 there, and you can see in the document it is underlined
10 for ease of -- to be easily noticed, it states that it
11 includes financial assistance for optional relocation
12 where tenants have been or will be relocated within
13 six months of the relocation due to unsafe and potentially
14 hazardous living conditions. The amendment will be
15 submitted to HUD via hard copy. It will not be submitted
16 through eCon Planning Suite.

17 Like I said before, we are amending the 2013-to-2014
18 Annual Action Plan. There (indicating) is the website
19 which the document is available on. We also have it
20 available upon request. And just a second reminder, it is
21 the method of distribution that is being amended.

22 In the Community Development Division, Kelly Lynch is
23 our division administrator. Jennifer Olson is the grants
24 bureau chief. Allison Mouch is the planning bureau chief.
25 Our address is 301 South Park Avenue in Helena. The

1 mailing address is listed there as well. We can be
2 reached at DOCCDD@mt.gov.

3 We are opening the floor, webinar, and phone to public
4 comment now if you want. If you're going to provide
5 public comment, please state your name and spell it and
6 list the organization you are representing. Comments will
7 be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on July 11th, 2016, and we
8 thank everyone for their input. If you want to provide a
9 written comment, you can send it in to the address that is
10 listed here on screen right now or e-mail it to
11 DocConPlan@mt.gov.

12 So we will wait a minute or two for any public
13 comments.

14 (No response.)

15 MS. CRIDER: As we have none, we will accept them
16 written. Again, you can send them to the Community
17 Development Division or to DocConPlan@mt.gov.

18 The next steps in the process, once the public comment
19 period has ended, the Department of Commerce will respond
20 to comments made during the public comment period. We
21 will modify the document to include the comments and
22 agency responses. And based on the comments and response,
23 the document may be modified to reflect the decision made
24 in the response.

25 On the preparation of the final document, we will,

1 again, send a hard copy to HUD and publish the final
2 document on our website, and then we will wait for HUD's
3 response and then notify the public once we have approval.

4 so thank you for attending.

5 (The hearing concluded at 10:11 a.m.)

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