



Public Hearing for 2020

HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and Housing Trust Fund (HTF)

Method of Distribution and Application Guidelines

July 7, 2020

10:30 a.m.



Agenda

1. Brief overview of HUD Programs
2. Brief overview of the Consolidated Plan
3. HUD waiver regarding submission of Consolidated Plan and its implications for Montana HOME and HTF Programs
4. Proposed Method of Distribution
5. Proposed Application Deadline
6. Draft HOME and HTF Application Guidelines
7. Public comments



Montana's HUD Programs

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
 - Economic Development
 - Housing
 - Public and Community Facilities
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)
- Housing Trust Fund (HTF)



What is the Consolidated Plan?

- Five-year plan for federal housing, community and public facilities, and economic development investment in the state.
- Combines the planning and application, citizen participation, and reporting requirements for CDBG, HOME, HTF, HOPWA, and ESG.



Components of the Consolidated Plan

- Five-Year Plan (Con Plan)
 - 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan underway
 - Submittal will be early 2021
- Annual Action Plan (AAP)
 - 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan will be part of the ConPlan
- Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)
 - Wrapping up for program year 2019-2020



HUD Waiver and the ConPlan

- In response to the coronavirus, HUD has allocated additional CDBG and ESG funds as part of the CARES Act.
 - Commerce and DPHHS have amended the 2019 Annual Action Plan
 - Ensures timely access to those CDBG CARES and ESG CARES funds
- HUD issued several waivers to its program and planning requirements.
- HUD anticipated delays in agencies submitting Consolidated Plans and now allows agencies until August 2021 to have the 2020-2024 ConPlan submitted to and approved by HUD.



HUD Waiver Implications for 2020 HOME and HTF allocations

- Prior to accessing 2020 funds, Montana's Consolidated Plan must be submitted to and approved by HUD.
- This fall, Commerce plans to award **2019** CDBG funds as well as **2020** HOME and HTF funds.
- Commerce must establish its Method of Distribution through its public process prior to accepting and reviewing HOME and HTF applications.
 - ensure a transparent and open public process on the proposed use and distribution of HOME and HTF funds
 - ensure timely award of HOME and HTF funds contingent upon the approval of its Consolidated Plan.
- Commerce plans to submit its 2020-2024 ConPlan to HUD by end of 2020



Proposed Method of Distribution

- HOME Investment Partnerships Program
 - \$600,000 for Homebuyer Assistance
 - \$2,223,701 for new construction or rehab of multifamily properties and/or development of single-family homes for sale
- Housing Trust Fund
 - \$2,700,000 for new construction or rehabilitation of multifamily properties



Proposed Method of Distribution

- HOME Homebuyer Assistance applications received on a rolling basis
- Combined application for HOME and HTF
 - Ranked by six criteria against other applications
 - Consistency with local planning efforts
 - Capacity of applicant
 - Financial feasibility
 - Management of the property



HOME and HTF Applications

Proposed Application Deadline:
September 15, 2020

Draft HOME and HTF Application
Guidelines available on websites at:

<https://comdev.mt.gov/Programs/HOME>

<https://comdev.mt.gov/Programs/HTF>



Public Comments

- When providing comment:
 - Please state your name, and spell it
 - Please state the organization you represent
- Written comments accepted through July 27, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
- Please submit via email or mail
 - DOCConplan@mt.gov
 - PO Box 200523 – Helena, MT 59620



Next Steps

- After public comment period, Commerce will:
 - Respond to comments made during the public comment period
 - Post those responses on Commerce website
 - Modify the documents based on public comment and agency response
 - Publish the final 2020 HOME and HTF Method of Distribution
 - Publish the final 2020 HOME and HTF Application Guidelines
- The HOME and HTF Method of Distribution will be included in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan
 - There will be additional opportunity to provide input to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan
 - Subscribe for email updates at <https://commerce.mt.gov>
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