

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE 2021 ACTION PLAN
FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG & HOME)
PROGRAMS AND APPLICABLE INFORMATION
ATTENTION: ALL HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI RESIDENTS

The City of Hattiesburg, Mississippi has been allocated \$530,462 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and \$297,029 in HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for program year 2021. The funds will be used to meet the primary objectives of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974, as amended, by providing access to affordable, decent, safe and sanitary housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities for persons, of low and moderate- income.

A Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. In light of social distancing requirements, this will be a VIRTUAL Public Hearing with access by internet or phone. For instructions on how to join the virtual Public Hearing, please contact the Department of Urban Development at (601) 545-4675 no later than 3:00pm on March 30, 2021. Public Comments on the topic will be taken between March 11, 2021 and April 12, 2021.

The City has drafted a 2021 Action Plan for the allocation of CDBG and HOME funds based on strategies in the 5-year Consolidated Plan and on feedback from previous public comment opportunities. The City proposes to allocate the 2021 funding in the following manner:

CDBG:

Administration: \$106,092
Housing Programs: \$120,000
Public Facilities: \$254,370
Public Services: \$50,000

HOME:

Administration: \$29,703
CHDO Housing: \$44,559
Housing Rehabilitation: \$222,771

The Draft 2021 Action Plan is available at www.hattiesburgms.com/community-development or at the Community Development Division Office on the First Floor of City Hall, 200 Forrest Street, Hattiesburg, MS. Interested parties may also email cdbg@hattiesburgms.com or call 601-545-4558 to request an emailed copy of the draft document. The City will consider any comments or views of citizens, agencies or units of local government received in writing and orally at the Public Hearing scheduled for March 30, 2021. Written comments will additionally be accepted in the Community Development Division now through April 12, 2021. These comments will be taken into consideration in finalizing a 2021 Action Plan, and a summary of any comments accepted will be attached to the final action plan.

Comments related to this NOTICE may be delivered to City Hall, First Floor, Urban Development/Community Development Division, 200 Forrest Street, Hattiesburg, MS 39401 or mailed to City of Hattiesburg Community Development Division, P.O. Box 1898, Hattiesburg, MS 39403. Comments may also be emailed to cdbg@hattiesburgms.com.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the Department at (601) 545-4558. Anyone requiring special accommodation in considering these proposals, providing related comments, or in attending the public hearing are encouraged to contact the Department of Urban Development at (601) 545-4675 or email shall@hattiesburgms.com in sufficient advance of meetings to make arrangements.

CITY OF HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI

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Toby Barker, Mayor

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