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MEETING MINUTES
Barnstable County HOME Consortium
Thursday, April 22, 2021

PUBLIC MEETING
Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2021

The public meeting was held virtually pursuant to Massachusetts Governor Charles D. Baker's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law on March 12, 2020. The link and instructions to join the public meeting was included in the Notice of Public Meeting.

Opening: The public meeting was opened at 3:00 p.m.

Barnstable County Staff Present:

Renie Hamman, HOME Program Manager
Vaira Harik, Interim Director of Human Services

Public Present: There were four members of the public in attendance.

Notice: The Public Meeting Notice was formally read into the record by Renie Hamman.

Purpose: The purpose of the public meeting was to obtain comments and views from citizens, public agencies, community organizations, and interested parties relative to the Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2021. Comments will be accepted through May 11, 2021. All comments received will be summarized and included in the final 2021 Plan that is submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Presentation:

Renie Hamman shared the Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2021 on the screen and provided a brief overview of how the Annual Action Plan was developed. Renie stated that the HUD allocation for 2021 was \$429,869 in federal funds to be used for project activities and administration of the HOME program. Renie reviewed the following sections of the Plan: Introduction, Objectives, Past Performance, and Citizen Participation Process. Renie then explained the Expected Resources for Program Year 2021 which included the HUD annual allocation of \$429,869.00, prior year resources of \$472,038.20 and additional expected program income of \$25,782.00 which totaled \$927,689.20. Renie then gave an overview of how these funds were to be allocated: \$761,045.15 to the rental housing production activity; the HUD required \$123,657.15 to the Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) activity, and the allowed \$42,986.90 for administration of the program. Renie also explained that the Barnstable County HOME Program was currently

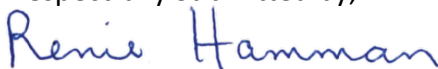
providing funding for a short-term emergency Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program (TBRA) program under the COVID-19 Pandemic HUD guidelines with funds from the 2020 Program Year. This TBRA program was being administered by HAC and would continue until September 30, 2021 per HUD guidelines. Renie provided a summary of the goals and objectives of the funds. Renie stated that due to the lack of affordable rental housing on the Cape, providing a leveraged funding source for the development of affordable rental units was the focus for the Barnstable County HOME Program for 2021. She also gave a brief overview of the obstacles and barriers Barnstable County was experiencing. Renie then reviewed the following remaining sections of the Annual Action Plan: Public Housing, Homelessness, and Other Actions/Program Specific Requirements.

This concluded the Presentation.

Comments and Questions: During the Presentation, a member of the public asked if HOME funding was for construction of new buildings only or if it could also be used for other buildings to be repurposed. Renie replied that HOME funding could be used for new construction as well as redevelopment and gave an example of the current Yarmouth Gardens project which is a redevelopment of a vacant old hotel into affordable rental housing. Another member of the public commented that she was in attendance to gain a broad understanding of how HOME funding came into the region and stated the presentation was helpful in getting some of that general information. Renie commented that she has been informed by HUD that more money in HOME funding in the amount of just over \$1.5 million expected soon under the federal American Rescue Plan. Renie explained that additional information from HUD was pending and once that information was received, the Barnstable County HOME Program would do an amended annual action plan that would go through the same notice, public hearing process, and comment period. Renie then made a general statement regarding the focus being on affordable rental housing development and that an analysis was done that showed that over the 25-years plus of the Barnstable County HOME Program, these rental developments were constructed in all towns in Barnstable County and it was evenly dispersed throughout the regions.

Adjournment: The Public Meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,



Renie Hamman, HOME Program Manager

May 7, 2021