

Notice of Public Comment Period and Public Hearings on the draft Federal Fiscal Years 2018-2019 Community Services Block Grant State Plan and Application and the draft Federal Fiscal Year 2018 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program State Plan and Application

In accordance with the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services' requirement for the CSBG and LIHEAP and Texas Government Code, Chapter 2105, Subchapter B, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs ("TDHCA") is conducting public hearings. The purpose of the hearings is to solicit comments on the draft Federal Fiscal Year ("FFY") 2018-2019 Community Services Block Grant ("CSBG") State Plan and Application ("CSBG Draft Plan") and the draft FFY 2018 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program ("LIHEAP") State Plan and Application ("LIHEAP Draft Plan").

The CSBG Draft Plan describes the proposed use and distribution of CSBG funds for FFYs 2018 and 2019. As federal statute requires, not less than ninety percent of the CSBG funds will be distributed to the State's CSBG eligible entities and not more than five percent will be used for state administration, including support for planning, for monitoring, and for the provision of training and technical assistance. The remaining five percent will be utilized to fund state discretionary projects/initiatives and for disaster assistance recovery.

The LIHEAP Draft Plan describes the proposed use and distribution of LIHEAP funds for FFY 2018. LIHEAP provides funding for the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program ("CEAP") and the Weatherization Assistance Program ("WAP").

The CSBG Draft Plan and the LIHEAP Draft Plan were presented and approved by the TDHCA Board of Directors on April 27, 2017. As part of the public information, consultation, and public hearing requirements for CSBG and LIHEAP, the Community Affairs Division of TDHCA has posted the proposed plans on the TDHCA website.

Please visit the TDHCA Public Comment Center at <http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/public-comment.htm> to access the plans.

The documents may be obtained by contacting the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs at P.O. Box 13941, Austin, TX 78711-3941 or by phone at (512) 936-7828.

Public hearings for the CSBG Draft Plan and the LIHEAP Draft Plan will be held as follows:

Tuesday, May 23, 2017 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 116, TDHCA headquarters located at 221 East 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701

Tuesday, May 23, 2017 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at 959 E. Rosedale, Fort Worth, TX 76104

Wednesday, May 24, 2017 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at 9320 Kirby Drive, Houston, TX 77054

Thursday, May 25, 2017 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at 1101 E. Garden Lane, Midland, TX 79701

At the hearings, the CSBG Draft Plan and LIHEAP Draft Plan will be presented for public comment. Persons may provide public comment on both plans either through oral testimony or written testimony. A representative from TDHCA will be present at the hearings to explain the planning process and receive comments from interested citizens and affected groups regarding the draft plans.

The public comment period to accept comments regarding the draft plans will be open from Friday, May 5, 2017 through Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Austin local time. Written comments concerning the draft plans may also be submitted to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Community Affairs Division, P.O. Box 13941, Austin, TX 78711-3941, or by email to gavin.reid@tdhca.state.tx.us, or by fax to (512) 475-3935. Comments are due no later than 5:00 p.m. Austin local time, Wednesday, May 31, 2017. Any questions regarding the public comment process may be directed to Gavin Reid, Manager of Planning and Training, in the Community Affairs Division at (512) 936-7828 or gavin.reid@tdhca.state.tx.us.

Individuals who require auxiliary aids, services or sign language interpreters for the hearing should contact Gina Esteves, ADA Responsible Employee, at 512-475-3943 or Relay Texas at 1-800-735-2989, at least five (5) days before the hearing so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Non-English speaking individuals who require interpreters for the public hearing should contact Elena Peinado, 512- 475-3814, at least three (3) days before the hearing so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Personas que hablan español y requieren un intérprete, favor de llamar a Elena Peinado al siguiente número 512- 475-3814 por lo menos cinco días antes de la junta para hacer los preparativos apropiados.