

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND DISPLAY OF THE FY 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN AMENDMENT CITY OF MARTINSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA

As a Federal Entitlement, the City of Martinsburg, West Virginia (“City”) receives funding from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). Through the March 27, 2020 passage of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, the City of Martinsburg will receive an allocation of CDBG-CV funds. The City will receive \$210,613 in Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds. These funds must be used to **prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19)**.

The purpose of the public hearing is to present the City of Martinsburg’s FY 2020 Annual Action Plan for the use of CDBG, CDBG-CV and HOME funds and amendments to the Citizen Participation Plan. The City intends to submit its FY 2020 Annual Action Plan in the amount of \$358,020 for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, \$210,613 for Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds, and \$499,298 in HOME funds for the Eastern Panhandle HOME Consortium. The FY 2020 Annual Action Plan will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on or before July 15, 2020.

To expedite the disbursement of the City’s FY 2020 CDBG, CDBG-CV, and HOME funds, via 24 CFR 5.110, the CARES Act authorizes HUD to grant waivers to the public notice, public comment, and citizen participation plan requirements found in 24 CFR 91.105I(2) and (k), 24 CFR 91.115I(2) and (i) and 24 CFR 91.401. In accordance with the City of Martinsburg’s Citizen Participation Plan and HUD’s regulatory requirement, waivers are granted which reduces the minimum 30-day public comment period to a 5-day period, a virtual public hearing will be held at 4:00 p.m. on July 1, 2020 to provide an opportunity for residents to comment on proposed FY 2020 Annual Action Plan and Citizen Participation Plan Amendment.

To participate in the virtual Public Hearing:

To join the virtual Public Hearing by a computer, use the following URL:
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/824074517>

You can also dial in using your phone.
United States (Toll Free): 1-866-899-4679
United States: +1 (571) 317-3117

Access Code: 824-074-517

If special arrangements need to be made to accommodate any resident in order for them to participate in the public hearing, including translation services, please call Ms. Nancy Strine, CDBG & HOME Administrator, City of Martinsburg, at (304) 264-2131, ext. 278 or by email at nstrine@cityofmartinsburg.org to make those arrangements, or for persons who may have a hearing impediment, please contact 711 for the TTY/TTD relay.

In order to obtain the view of residents, public agencies and other interested parties, the City of Martinsburg will place its FY 2020 Annual Action Plan and Citizen Participation Plan

Amendment on public display on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 through Thursday, July 2, 2020, at the following locations:

Martinsburg City Hall
232 North Queen Street

Berkeley County Court House
100 West King Street

Martinsburg Public Library
King and Queen Streets

They will also be posted on the City of Martinsburg's website under Community Development <http://cityofmartinsburg.org/community-development/>. The FY 2020 CDBG, CDBG-CV, and HOME budgets may be accessed on the City's website.

This document will be available during normal business hours of operation until July 2, 2020. The FY 2020 Annual Action Plan and Citizen Participation Plan Amendment will be submitted to the Martinsburg City Council for approval at its regularly scheduled City Council Meeting on July 9, 2020.

The FY 2020 Annual Action Plan was prepared after conducting an initial public hearing on the housing and community development needs, meetings with the City's Budget and Finance Committee, meetings with City staff, and the Eastern Panhandle HOME Consortium Council of West Virginia.

If the City would undertake an activity that would result in the displacement of families or individuals, then the City would utilize its policy for minimizing such displacement. Furthermore, the City is responsible for replacing all low- and moderate-income housing units that may be demolished or converted as a result of CDBG funds.

All interested residents are encouraged to tune in to this virtual public hearing and they will be given the opportunity to present oral testimony concerning the proposed use of Federal funds under the FY 2020 Annual Action Plan and Citizen Participation Plan Amendment. Written comments may be addressed to Ms. Nancy Strine, CDBG & HOME Administrator, City of Martinsburg, 232 North Queen Street, Martinsburg, WV 25401, or oral comments may be made until July 2, 2020 by calling (304) 264-2131 ext. 278 or email to nstrine@cityofmartinsburg.org, or via 711 for the hearing impaired.

George Karos, Mayor
City of Martinsburg