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State of Alabama's First Substantial Amendment to the 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and First Substantial Amendment to the PY2020 Annual Action Plans for CDBG, ESG, and HOPWA Programs, and 2020 Revised Citizen Participation Plan

On behalf of the State of Alabama, the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) and AIDS Alabama have developed the First Substantial Amendment to the Five-Year Consolidated Plan for Program Years 2020-2024 for the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), the Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG), the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program (HOPWA), the Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and the Housing Trust Fund Program (HTF). ADECA has also developed the First Substantial Amendment to the PY2020 One-Year Annual Action Plans for the CDBG Program and ESG Program, and AIDS Alabama has developed the First Substantial Amendment to the PY2020 One-Year Annual Action Plan for the HOPWA Program. Collectively, the First Substantial Amendments to these Plans summarize the needs within the State for preventing, preparing for, and responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, and contain strategies to meet those needs using federal funding awarded from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) that was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Trump on March 27, 2020 to fund the CDBG-CV, ESG-CV, and HOPWA-CV Programs. Specifically, these First Substantial Amendments to these Plans describe how eligible entities can access funding through the CDBG-CV, ESG-CV, and HOPWA-CV Programs to address those needs. The State of Alabama will hold a virtual public hearing to discuss the proposed First Substantial Amendments to the Five-Year Plan and One-Year Plans to address the CDBG-CV, ESG-CV, and HOPWA-CV Programs on the date, time, and location shown below:

Date: Wednesday, November 4, 2020

Time: 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Place: Via a WebEx conference call per the following instructions:

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The purpose of this public hearing will be to provide the CDBG-CV, ESG-CV, and HOPWA-CV Programs' CARES Act information and to receive input from interested parties. The State plans to discuss (1) the amounts of funds available under the CDBG-CV, ESG-CV, and HOPWA-CV Programs, (2) the range of activities that may be funded, and (3) other administrative details. The following program priorities will be applicable for the CDBG-CV Program: Program activities that include essential facilities and services, and the economic development activities that are designed to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic while also maintaining the CDBG Program's established fair housing, non-discrimination, labor standards, and environmental requirements when implementing such program activities. For the ESG-CV Program: The priority is to provide rental assistance to prevent homelessness and re-house homeless persons to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. For the HOPWA-CV Program: The priorities are rental assistance, operations of housing, and supportive services to keep persons with HIV/AIDS stably housed and in healthcare to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Draft copies of these First Substantial Amendments to these Plans may be viewed online at www.adeca.alabama.gov or at the ADECA office at 401 Adams Avenue, Room 500, Montgomery, Alabama 36104, beginning on Wednesday, November 4, 2020. The Public Hearing WebEx call attendees and interested parties may offer public comments during this Public Hearing call and/or submit written comments to the State. Written comments should be received in the ADECA office no later than Tuesday, November 10, 2020. Such comments should be addressed to Mr. Shabbir Olia, ADECA, P.O. Box 5690, Montgomery, AL 36103-5690, or e-mailed to shabbir.olia@adeca.alabama.gov. ADECA requests that in order to maintain a list of identified participants, all persons participating in this Public Hearing WebEx call should pre-register with ADECA by 12:00 noon on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 by calling Teresa Nobles at (334)242-0492 or emailing her at teresa.nobles@adeca.alabama.gov.

Included as part of this Public Hearing WebEx call, but immediately prior to the start of the Public Hearing for the First Substantial Amendments to these Plans, representatives from ADECA will conduct a Public Hearing on the State of Alabama's/ADECA's 2020 Revised Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) to provide general information on ADECA's plan to allow citizens to participate in the development processes for the State's annual plans, substantial amendments to Plans, annual reports, and any other plan process(es) that need to be undertaken by ADECA for the HUD-funded programs. The State/ADECA plans to discuss (1) the status of the State's current CPP, and (2) the proposed changes to the State's current CPP that will enable the citizen participation and public comment processes for the State's awarded CARES Act funds. Participants on this CPP Public Hearing portion of the WebEx call and other interested parties may offer public comments during this CPP Public Hearing portion of the WebEx call and/or may submit written comments to the State/ADECA. Written comments should be received in the ADECA office no later than the close of business on Tuesday, November 10, 2020. Such comments should be addressed to Mr. Shabbir Olia, ADECA, P.O. Box 5690, Montgomery, AL 36103-5690, or e-mailed to shabbir.olia@adeca.alabama.gov.

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