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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Kenneth W. Boswell *KWB ANT*
ADECA Director

SUBJECT: March 27, 2024 Public Hearing for State of Alabama's Changes to Citizen Participation Plan for Federal Grant Programs Funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) Community and Economic Development Division (CED Division) has scheduled a Public Hearing to take place on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, beginning at approximately 10:30 a.m., to provide information, seek input, and collect public comments from all interested parties concerning the ADECA CED Division's planned revisions to the current Citizen Participation Plan (October 2020 revision) (CPP) that is utilized to administer federal grant programs from which the CED Division receives grant funds awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The current CPP (October 2020 revision) is available for viewing online on the ADECA website www.adeca.alabama.gov at the webpage <https://adeca.alabama.gov/compliance-plans/> and at the link [2020 Revised Citizen Participation Plan](#).

These HUD-administered federally-funded grant programs currently include the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), the Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG), the Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Program (HOPWA), the CDBG Disaster Recovery Grant Program (CDBG-DR) for hurricane and tornado disaster recovery, the CDBG CARES Act COVID-19 Program (CDBG-CV), the ESG CARES Act COVID-19 Program (ESG-CV), the HOPWA CARES Act COVID-19 Program (HOPWA-CV), and the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). The CPP is also utilized for the ADECA CED Division to provide assistance to the Alabama Housing Finance Authority (AHFA) in the AHFA's administration of the HUD-administered federally-funded grant programs that currently include the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), the Housing Trust Fund Program (HTF), and the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP). The proposed revisions to the current CPP (October 2020 revision) are necessary in order to bring the

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CPP into compliance with HUD's updated CDBG-DR Program grant funding and administration requirements.

This Public Hearing will be both an "in person" and a "virtual" Public Hearing. The Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, beginning at approximately 10:30 a.m., at the Alabama Center for Commerce building located at 401 Adams Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama, in the 7th Floor Auditorium. All persons planning to attend the Public Hearing either "in person" or "virtually" are requested to pre-register by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 25, 2024, by calling Ms. Chloe Moyers at 334-242-0492, or by emailing her at Chloe.moyers@adeca.alabama.gov, or by writing to her at the ADECA CED Division, P.O. Box 5690, Montgomery, Alabama 36103-5690. All persons attending the Public Hearing "in person" may utilize the Alabama Center for Commerce's Parking Deck located at 400 Adams Avenue, and you may enter the parking deck on the Decatur Street side using the following parking deck code: **983155**.

All persons who will be "virtually" attending the Public Hearing can join from your computer by clicking on the following Meeting Link:

<https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/760e4c8d-5b68-4b2f-acdc-45b66b6ac621@bedd5d6f-bcfc-46d4-918d-7fb210e57897>

This Public Hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. All persons with disabilities or special needs who require special materials, services, or assistance are asked to call Ms. Chloe Moyers (via her contact information stated above) and notify her of such needs when you are pre-registering for the Public Hearing.

During this Public Hearing, ADECA's CED Division personnel will discuss the requirements of maintaining a current CPP for purposes of administering HUD's federally-funded grant programs so that members of the general public can be included in State-level decision making processes concerning grant program plans, amendments to plans, grant applications, amendments to grant applications, and various reports, as well as have access to an established grievance procedure if concerns arise regarding the administration of such plans, applications, reports, etc. During this Public Hearing, both "in person" and "virtual" attendees will be able to discuss the current CPP (October 2020 revision) and the planned revisions that the ADECA CED Division is proposing to be made to that CPP.

Following the conclusion of the Public Hearing, the ADECA CED Division will also post the Public Hearing's video presentation and the proposed revisions to the current CPP (October 2020 revision) online on the ADECA website www.adeca.alabama.gov at the webpage <https://adeca.alabama.gov/compliance-plans/>. Also following the conclusion of the Public Hearing, the ADECA CED Division will conduct a 30-day public comment period, beginning on March 28,

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2024 and ending on April 26, 2024 at 4:00 p.m., for members of the general public to comment on the CPP's proposed revisions. Public comments will be received by the ADECA CED Division orally/in-person during the Public Hearing, as well as in writing from March 28, 2024 through April 26, 2024 through the submission of written comments sent via email to Mr. Trent Williams at Trent.williams@adeca.alabama.gov and/or sent via U.S. Mail to Mr. Trent Williams in care of the ADECA CED Division, 401 Adams Avenue, Room 500, Post Office Box 5690, Montgomery, Alabama 36103-5690. All public comments must be received by the ADECA CED Division by 4:00 p.m. on April 26, 2024 at the above-address.

I encourage each of you to participate in this Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, so that the ADECA CED Division can disseminate the CPP's proposed revision information to you and your staff members who will be administering the above-stated federal grant programs at the local level.

If you have any questions, then please contact either Dr. Kathleen Rasmussen, the ADECA CED Division Chief, at phone number 334-353-0323 or at email address Kathleen.rasmussen@adeca.alabama.gov, or Mr. Trent Williams, the CED Division's Special Programs Unit Chief, at phone number 334-353-3409 or at email address Trent.williams@adeca.alabama.gov. ADECA thanks you for your attention to, and participation in, this important matter.

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