WELCOME

SDHDA and GOED Public Meetings 2020

Agenda

Welcome - Mark Lauseng, Executive Director South Dakota Housing Development Authority (SDHDA)

2020 Annual Action Plan - Lorraine Polak, SDHDA

Community Development Block Grant - LaJena Gruis Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED)

Emergency Solutions Grants - Denise Albertson, SDHDA

HOME and Housing Trust Fund - Chas Olson, SDHDA

Housing Tax Credits - Scott Rounds, SDHDA

Housing Opportunity Fund - Amy Eldridge, SDHDA

Meeting Purpose

- SDHDA and GOED administer federal programs
- Solicit public participation
- In-person public meetings
 - Jan. 27th Rapid City
 - Jan. 28th Pierre (also via Skype)
 - Jan. 29th Aberdeen
 - Feb. 3rd Sioux Falls
 - Feb. 4th Yankton

Consolidated Plan

What is the Consolidated Plan?

- Planning document for the State of South Dakota
- Five year plan (2018-2022) housing and community development plan
- Created with public input
- Report to US Department of Housing and Urban Development for the following programs:
 - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG) HOME
 - Housing Trust Fund (HTF)

Purpose

Community Planning and Development Programs

To develop viable communities for low and moderate-income persons by providing:

- decent housing
- suitable living environment
- expanding economic opportunities

Purpose

Today's meeting is to gather public input regarding housing, homelessness, and economic opportunities for creation of the 2020 Annual Action Plan.

- What is working?
- How can we improve?
- What are some new ideas to consider?
- What additional information can we share?
- What questions do you have?

CDBG

Provide grant funding to units of general local government in non-entitlement areas, demonstrating greatest need and addressing local need of low and moderate-income persons.

National Program Objectives

Must meet one of three national objectives in addition to being eligible activity:

- Benefit to low and moderate income persons
- Eliminate slums and blight
- Urgent Need or Imminent threat to public health or safety

CDBG

State Program Objectives

- Promote rational land use
- Provide increased economic opportunities for low and moderate-income persons
- Correct deficiencies in public facilities, affecting public health, safety, or welfare
- Increase efficiencies in public facilities, affecting public health, safety, or welfare

2019 - CDBG

Application/Funding

- Incorporated Municipalities and Counties (except Sioux Falls, Rapid City, Tribes)
- Two Funding Rounds April 1 & October 1
- Maximum Grant Amount \$770,000
- 2019 Allocation was \$5,753,393
- Four separate accounts*
 - Community Projects Account \$2.4 million*
 - Max. 15% Public Service / Job Training activities
 - Blighted Housing Abatement Program \$1,000,000
 - Special Projects Account \$500,000
 - Urgent Need Account \$500,000

2020 - CDBG Proposed Changes

- 2019 Allocation was \$5,753,393
- 2020 = ? We expect similar amount.
- \$1,143,424.38 carryover from 2019
- Three separate accounts*
 - Community Projects Account \$4.1 million*
 - Max. 15% Public Service* / Job Training activities
 - Special Projects Account \$500,000
 - Urgent Need Account \$500,000

CDBG

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Emergency Solutions Grants Program

Funding to serve homeless or those at risk of becoming homeless

- Renovation or rehabilitation of a building used for emergency shelter
- Operating expenses of the emergency shelter
- Essential services and street outreach
- Rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention
 - Rental and security deposits
 - Rental and utility arrears
 - Rental assistance up to 24 months
 - Other housing related expenses

Emergency Solutions Grants Program

- Applicants can be unit of local government or nonprofit organization (domestic violence agencies, community action agencies, homeless shelters)
- 18 month grant agreement
- Maximum grant of \$80,000
- Annually fund 20-25 organizations
- Each applicant must provide 1 for 1 match
- Annual application cycle; applications due end of May
- Estimated \$580,000 annual funding

- Match for volunteer hours increased to \$10/hour
- Beginning with the May 2020 submission SDHDA will be accepting ESG applications via electronic submission. This year will continue to accept via mail also.
- Consider accepting draw requests electronically through Kite works

Primary emphasis is Housing Development

- Preservation of existing affordable housing
- New Construction where there is identified need
- Special Needs Housing
- Homeownership Opportunities

- Applicants nonprofit or for-profit developer
- New construction, Acquisition/Rehabilitation or Rehabilitation
- Multifamily or single family housing units
- Homeownership or rental housing
- Zero percent (0%) interest rate, variable terms
- Subordinated mortgage position
- Income and rent restrictions at or below 80% AMI
- Match requirement of 12.5% of HOME amount
- Annual Application Cycle

Funding Amount

\$3.0 million entitlement, \$4.2 million program income

Current Set-asides

- CHDO (Community Housing Development Organizations)
 15% of entitlement (est. \$450,000)
- Homeowner Rehabilitation \$750,000
- Homebuyer Assistance Program \$200,000
- Security Deposit Assistance Program \$200,000
- Difficult to Develop \$500,000
- Homeownership Development \$500,000
- Rural Housing Development \$1,000,000

Application Cycle

Applications due last working day of August, excluding applications for the following set-asides: Homeowner Rehabilitation, Homebuyer Assistance, Security Deposit Assistance, Homeownership Development, and Rural Housing Development.

Allocation Plan

2020-2021 Allocation Plan

HOME Program

- Specify abated taxes rule for Match
- Incorporate Section 104(d) requirements
- Add the Homebuyer Feasibility Analysis Tool for Homebuyer Assistance Set-aside
- Add the Cost Allocation Tool
- Specify ongoing CHDO certification requirements
- Clearly define DUNS and Sam.gov requirements (HTF)
- Increase Homeowner Rehabilitation Set-aside
- Ability to assist in emergency situations disaster relief

Housing Trust Fund

- Created under the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008; funded from Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac
- Interim rule published Jan. 2015 -<u>https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-</u> 01-30/pdf/2015-01642.pdf
- Housing for extremely low-income (30% AMI)
- May serve very low-income (50% AMI) if program funding exceeds \$1 billion

Housing Trust Fund

- Formula grant received \$3.0 million minimum funding in 2019
- South Dakota utilizes funding for rental housing
- Rental housing 30 year affordability period
- Similar eligible activities as the HOME Program
- HOME and HTF income and rent limits published separately from Section 8
- Project failure requires State to repay HUD

Housing Tax Credits

- Administered by Internal Revenue Service
- New Construction, Acquisition/Rehabilitation and Rehabilitation of rental housing
- Multifamily or single family developments
- Equity financing, deed restrictions but no mortgage
- Income and rent restrictions at or below 60% AMI or may use Average Income
- 2020 allocation \$3,217,500;
- Non-profit set-aside 10%
- SDHDA forward allocates tax credits
- Annual applications due last working day of August

Housing Tax Credits

- Exchange of HTCs make this an option and implement parameters
- Additional HTCs resulting from administrative procedures would not required to submit new application
- Average Income incorporate SDHDA policies
- Excessive Costs incorporate option for SDHDA to require general contractor cost certifications

HOME, Housing Trust Fund and Housing Tax Credits

- New application date last working day in July
- Request all applications to be sent electronically
- Replace project cost limits with project finance limits
 - Based on zones
 - Developer and consultant fees based on finance limit
 - May still be denied if costs are determined to be excessive
 - Remove negative points for project costs
- Requests for additional financing must be offset with own resources
- Update project finance limits and zones
- Remove Section 811 program and associated scoring

HOME, Housing Trust Fund and Housing Tax Credits

- Move scoring for additional accessible units from general scoring to Project Characteristics (Exhibit 4)
- Modify scoring for Efficient Use of HTCs and HOME funds
- Increase points for rehab projects
- Revise general scoring to account for removal of Section 811 and Accessible Units
- Update Project Characteristics Exhibit 4 (SF & MF)
 - Adoption of accessible units
 - Other miscellaneous updates
- Other miscellaneous administrative updates, corrections

Housing Opportunity Funds

- Created via 2013 legislative session within SB235 "Building South Dakota"
- Promote economic development by expanding housing
- Annual funding amount varies estimated \$2.9 Million for 2020
 - 10% (\$290,000) Administration
 - 30% (\$783,000) for Sioux Falls and Rapid City
 - 70% (\$1,827,000) for other areas of the state
 - \$1,957,500 for housing development
 - \$652,500 for programs

Housing Opportunity Funds

- New construction, acquisition/rehabilitation and rehabilitation
- Programs can assist with building, purchasing and/or rehabilitating housing units, homelessness prevention activities, and community land trusts
- Income and rent restrictions at or below 115% AMI

Housing Opportunity Fund

- Program funds to be expended and disbursed within two years - currently the term is three years
- Modify wording for points awarded for Other Program Funds
 - no points will be awarded if SDHDA programs are the other source of funds
 - no points awarded if other program funds are not for like activities - example, first mortgage lending is not match for down payment assistance program
- Modify affordability terms for homebuyer activities
- HOF draws will be allowed no more than twice per month
- Cost limit, Exhibit 4, electronic submission of applications, changes to correlate with other SDHDA programs

Timeline

- January 27 February 4th public meetings
- February 10th written comments due to SDHDA and GOED
- March 3rd SDHDA Board of Commissioners meeting to approve draft plans
- March 6th 30 day public comment begins, draft plans available to the public
- March 17th public meeting via Skype, 2:00 CT
- March 20th 15 day comment period ends for 2019 Annual Performance Report
- April 8th 30 day comment period ends for 2020 Annual Action Plan and housing allocation plans
- April 21th SDHDA Board of Commissioners meeting to approve final plans
- May 29th Emergency Solutions Grants applications due
- July 31st Proposed HOME, Housing Tax Credit, Housing Opportunity Fund and Housing Trust Fund applications due

Comments

Comments are due by 5:00 PM (CT) February 10, 2020

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Additional Items

Rental Housing Training - June 23rd - 25th in Pierre

Housing Needs Study Program

- Expanded to allow for housing study updates
- Same cost and program parameters
- Four years from completion of original housing study or ability to document substantial change in housing conditions

Wrap Up

Questions?

Thank you for attending!