

**NOTICE OF 30 DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS TO:
FY2011-2015 CONSOLIDATED PLAN
FY2015 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
FY2016 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
FY2016-2020 CONSOLIDATED PLAN**

In accordance with requirements of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the City of North Little Rock's Citizen Participation Plan in regard to Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) funding, notice is hereby given of a thirty (30) day public comment period on proposed substantial amendments to the City's FY2011-2015 Consolidated Plan, FY2015 Annual Action Plan, FY2016 Annual Action Plan, and FY2016-2020 Consolidated Plan.

All substantially amended Plans listed above include a proposed reallocation of funds from the discontinued HOME Homeowner Rehabilitation program. The City reached the end of its HOME major rehabilitation program waiting list earlier than anticipated, and the program ended. The balances or estimates of HOME Homeowner Rehabilitation funds referenced in these Plans will be reallocated to increase funding to the HOME Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) program. This will result in the previously established high priority need of Affordable Housing – Rehabilitation / Development being addressed in the future through increased development of newly-constructed affordable homes for low income homebuyers.

The proposed substantially amended FY2015 Annual Action Plan includes the specific changes listed below:

Single Family Rehabilitation:
Reduce FY2015 HOME allocation by \$61,905.48 (from \$113,731 to \$51,825.52)
Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO):
Increase FY2015 HOME allocation by \$61,905.48 (from \$113,730 to \$175,635.48)

The proposed substantially amended FY2016 Annual Action Plan includes the specific changes listed below:

Homeowner Rehabilitation:
Reduce FY2016 HOME allocation by \$83,579.20 (from \$83,579.20 to -0-)

CHDO Homebuyer New Construction:
Increase FY2016 HOME allocation by \$83,579.20 (from \$94,026.60 to \$177,605.80)

The proposed substantially amended FY2016-2020 Consolidated Plan also includes provisions regarding the discontinuation of the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation program. FY2016 CDBG funds were utilized for the program, but due to rising labor and

material costs, administrative costs, budgetary constraints, and decrease in demand, CDBG estimated rehabilitation funding for the remaining four years of the plan will be reallocated to increase estimated funding for street and drainage projects in low to moderate income areas of the City. This represents a change in allocation priorities between Affordable Housing and Public Improvements, both of which were originally identified and categorized as high priority needs in the Consolidated Plan.

The public is invited to review the proposed substantially amended FY2011-2015 Consolidated Plan, FY2015 Annual Action Plan, FY2016 Annual Action Plan, and FY2016-2020 Consolidated Plan during the 30 day comment period of April 27 – May 26, 2017. Comments received during this period will be reviewed and considered prior to adoption of substantial amendments by the City Council. A summary of comments will be attached to the substantial amendments. All written comments should be addressed to the Community Development Agency, Melissa Ervin, Director, 500 West 13th Street, North Little Rock, AR 72114. Citizens may also contact Melissa Ervin at 501-340-5342.

Copies of the proposed substantially amended FY2011-2015 Consolidated Plan, FY2015 Annual Action Plan, FY2016 Annual Action Plan, and FY2016-2020 Consolidated Plan are available at the following locations: the Community Development Agency (CDA) office at 500 West 13th Street and City Hall at 300 Main, North Little Rock, Arkansas. The amended plans may also be viewed on the City's website at: www.northlittlerock.ar.gov/communitydevelopment.

If assistance is needed by non-English speaking residents or disabled residents for provision of specific copies of the substantial amendments that will meet their individual requirements, please contact Melissa Ervin at CDA at 501-340-5342.

