

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

AGENCIES: North Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Community Assistance

ACTION: Notice is hereby given that the 2008 Amended Consolidated Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment will be published May 1, 2009 and available for public review and comment.

SUMMARY: Per Division A, Title XII of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 "Homelessness Prevention Fund," the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) developed a distribution formula for the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) which allocates funds to states and units of local government based on the previously established Emergency Shelter Grant formula as authorized by section 413 of subtitle B of Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. As a result, the State of North Carolina is expected to receive \$29,225,000. Eligible HPRP activities are 1) financial assistance 2) housing relocation and stabilization services 3) data collection and evaluation and 4) administrative costs.

In order to receive HPRP funding, the State of North Carolina must submit an Action Plan to U.S. HUD by May 18, 2009. In order to submit the Action Plan, a substantial amendment must be made to the State's 2008 Amended Action Plan. The N.C. Consolidated Plan addresses housing and community development needs across the state and sets priorities for meeting those needs. The 2008 Amended Consolidated Annual Action Plan details the state's plans for housing and community development programs and spending for the 2008 program year. The state's Consolidated Annual Action Plan includes the following programs funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD): Small Cities Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA).

AVAILABILITY OF REVIEW MATERIALS: Copies of the Substantial Amendment to the 2008 Amended Consolidated Annual Action Plan will be available on the web sites of the North Carolina Division of Community Assistance (www.nccommerce.com) on **May 1, 2009**. Copies are also available by request from the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Community Assistance and will be distributed to all of the regional offices; you may also contact Martha Are at martha.are@nc.gov to receive a copy. Copies of the plan will also be distributed to all federal depository libraries in North Carolina.

PUBLIC MEETING: A **public meeting** will be held on **May 4, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.** at the offices of the North Carolina Division of Community Assistance, Methodist Building, 1307 Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27605.

COMMENT PERIOD: Comments concerning the Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Annual Action Plan may be made at the public meeting. Written comments will be accepted until **5:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, 2009** and may be made via email at martha.are@nc.gov, fax (919) 733-2422, or mailed to Martha Are, Office of Economic Recovery and Investment, Mail Service Center 20308, Raleigh, NC 27699-0308.