

**HENNEPIN COUNTY
PUBLIC COMMENT SOLICITED and
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Hennepin County Board of Commissioners is soliciting written public comment on the Hennepin County Consortium Draft 2017 Action Plan, which will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in May 2017. The Hennepin County Consortium includes all cities in suburban Hennepin County.

Purpose: The 2017 Action Plan will guide the use of approximately \$4 million in funding for housing and community development activities in suburban Hennepin County: \$2.5 million through the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), \$1.3 million through HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and \$227,202 through the Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG).

Written comments will be accepted for 30 days beginning March 31, 2017 and ending May 1, 2017. Written comments **must** be submitted by 4:30 p.m., May 1, 2017, and be addressed to Margo Geffen, Manager, Housing Development and Finance, Hennepin County Community Works Department, 701 Fourth Avenue South, Suite 400, Minneapolis, MN 55415. Written comments received by May 1 (4:30 p.m.) will receive a written response. A copy of the comment letter and the county's response will be included in the documents submitted to HUD.

The draft 2017 Action Plan will be available March 31, 2017 on the county's website (www.hennepin.us – search Action Plan). Copies of the plans will also be available for review at the suburban Hennepin County Regional Libraries (Brookdale, Ridgedale, and Southdale) until May 1, 2017. If you would like a copy of the draft plan, or if you have questions, please contact the Hennepin County Department of Community Works at 612-348-9260.

Additionally, a Public Hearing on the 2017 Action Plan will be held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at the Public Works Committee meeting of the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners (Hennepin County Government Center, A2400, 300 South Sixth Street, Minneapolis).

If you need help to make it possible for you to come and be active in the public hearing such as sign language interpreter or assisted hearing equipment, this help can be provided if you ask. To ask for help, please call 612-348-9260 at least three days prior to the hearing.