

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

The Hennepin County Board of Commissioners is soliciting public comment on the following:

- 1) Hennepin County Consortium draft Five-Year Consolidated Plan 2020-2024;
- 2) Hennepin County Consortium draft 2020 Action Plan.

The Hennepin County Consortium includes all cities in suburban Hennepin County.

Public Comment Periods:

- ***Draft Five-Year Consolidated Plan and 2020 Action Plan - 30-day comment period; April 9 to May 8, 2020; and***
- ***Public Hearing on the draft Five-Year Consolidated Plan and 2020 Action Plan will be held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 14, 2020, at the Public Works Committee meeting of the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners (Hennepin County Government Center, A2400, 300 South Sixth Street, Minneapolis)***

Public Comment Purpose:

The Five-Year Consolidated Plan ("Plan") identifies needs, strategies, goals and priorities for affordable housing and community development activities to principally benefit low and moderate-income persons. The Plan updates the Consortium's previous five-year plan and strategy issued in 2015. The Plan is developed to meet application requirements for federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding from the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG). HUD funding for these programs is estimated to be \$20 million during the five-year period.

The 2020 Action Plan will guide the use of approximately \$5 million in funding for housing and community development activities in suburban Hennepin County through the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and Emergency Shelter Grant Program (ESG). All funding comes from HUD. The Consortium's 2020 Action Plan program year runs from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

The draft Five-Year Consolidated Plan 2020-2024 and the draft 2020 Action Plan will be available April 9, 2020 on the county's website (<https://www.hennepin.us/your-government/research-data/housing-plans-accomplishments>). If you would like a copy of either draft plan or have questions, please contact the Hennepin County Department of Community Works 612-348-9260. A copy of the draft Five-Year Consolidated Plan and 2020 Action Plan will also be available at the Hennepin County Regional Libraries (Brookdale, Ridgedale, and Southdale) until May 8, 2020.

Address Comments to:

Written comments **must** be submitted by 4:30 p.m., May 8, 2020 and addressed to Julia Welle Ayres, Manager, Hennepin County Community Works 701 Fourth Avenue South, Suite 400, Minneapolis, MN 55415. Written comments received by May 8 will receive a written response. A copy of the comment letter and the county's response will be included in the documents submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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.