



**Toni Preckwinkle, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners**

PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT NOTICE

ITEM ONE:

Draft Substantial Amendment to the 2011 Annual Action Plan

The Cook County Department of Planning and Development within the Bureau of Economic Development currently receives Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) (formerly known as Emergency Shelter Grants) funding on an annual entitlement basis from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The County is accepting public comments regarding its Draft Substantial Amendment to the 2011 Annual Action Plan which includes new activities proposed for ESG funding and designed to better meet community, housing, and economic development needs in suburban Cook County.

Applicable Public Comment Period: *30 Days – October 8, 2012 through November 8, 2012*

ITEM TWO:

Draft Substantial Amendment to the 2012 Annual Action Plan

The Cook County Department of Planning and Development within the Bureau of Economic Development currently receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) (formerly known as Emergency Shelter Grants) funding on an annual entitlement basis from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The County is accepting public comments regarding its Draft Substantial Amendment to the 2012 Annual Action Plan which includes revised and new activities proposed for CDBG and ESG funding and designed to better meet community, housing, and economic development needs in suburban Cook County.

Applicable Public Comment Period: *30 Days – October 8, 2012 through November 8, 2012*

ITEM THREE:

Draft Revised Citizen Participation Plan

The Cook County Department of Planning and Development within the Bureau of Economic Development currently receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) (formerly known as Emergency Shelter Grants), and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funding on an annual entitlement basis from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The County is required by HUD to adopt a citizen participation plan. The County is accepting public comments regarding its Draft Revised Citizen Participation Plan which is structured to better incorporate public and stakeholder input as well as comply with updated applicable HUD regulations.

Applicable Public Comment Period: *30 Days – October 8, 2012 through November 8, 2012*

ITEM FOUR:

Draft 2011 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)

The Cook County Department of Planning and Development within the Bureau of Economic Development currently receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solution Grants (ESG) (formerly known as Emergency Shelter Grants), and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funding on an annual entitlement basis from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The County is required by HUD to report annually on program performance. The County is accepting public comments regarding its Draft 2011 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) which outlines program performance during Program Year 2011 covering October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012.

Applicable Public Comment Period: 15 Days – October 24, 2012 through November 8, 2012

Public Comment Opportunities

An important part of the process of developing the Draft Substantial Amendment to the 2011 Annual Action Plan, the Draft Substantial Amendment to the 2012 Annual Action Plan, the Draft Revised Citizen Participation Plan, and the Draft 2011 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) is to promote citizen participation and solicit input. The Drafts may be reviewed at the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development offices at 69 West Washington Street, Suite 2900, Chicago, IL 60602, **or on-line at the Cook County website:** <http://blog.cookcountyil.gov/economicdevelopment/legal-notice-and-applications/> during the applicable public comment period specified above.

In addition, all Drafts will be reviewed and considered for approval at a public hearing conducted by the Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC) at 7 p.m. on Thursday, November 8, 2012. This meeting will occur in the Cook County Board Chambers located at 118 North Clark, 5th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602. Public participation is welcome and encouraged.

All interested parties are encouraged to provide written comments. Written comments for all Drafts are being accepted during the applicable public comment period specified above and must be received by 4:00 p.m. on November 8, 2012 in order to receive consideration. Written comments must be directed to Jennifer Miller, Program Manager, Cook County Bureau of Economic Development, 69 West Washington, Suite 2900, Chicago, IL 60602, Jennifer.miller@cookcountyil.gov.