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PUBLIC COMMENT NOTICE

Draft First Substantial Amendment to the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Grant (CDBG-DR) Action Plan and Draft Citizen Participation Plan Addendum

The Cook County Department of Planning and Development within the Bureau of Economic Development has been awarded an additional \$54.9 million in CDBG-DR funding (which when combined with the initial \$13.9 million award results in total available CDBG-DR funds of \$68.8 million) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to assist disaster recovery efforts in response to declared major disasters occurring in Cook County in 2013. These funds can be used only for specific disaster recovery-related purposes. The County is required by HUD prepare a draft strategy and update its Citizen Participation Plan for the proposed uses of these funds. The County is accepting public comments regarding its Draft First Substantial Amendment to the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Grant (CDBG-DR) Action Plan and a related Citizen Participation Plan Addendum.

Applicable Public Comment Period: 30 Days – September 5 through October 5, 2014.

Public Comment Opportunities

An important part of the process of developing the Draft First Substantial Amendment to the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Grant (CDBG-DR) Action Plan and a related Draft Citizen Participation Plan Addendum 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/cdbg-dr> during the applicable public comment period specified above.

All interested parties are encouraged to provide written comments. Written comments for the Drafts are being accepted during the applicable public comment period specified above and must be received by October 5, 2014 in order to receive consideration. Written comments must be directed to Lesa Carey, Administrative Analyst, Cook County Bureau of Economic Development, 69 West Washington, Suite 2900, Chicago, IL 60602, lesa.carey@cookcountyil.gov.

Additionally, the primary components of the Draft First Substantial Amendment to the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Grant (CDBG-DR) Action Plan will be reviewed at public hearings conducted by the Cook County Economic Development Advisory Council (EDAC) on September 24th, 2014 and by the Cook County Board of Commissioners on October 8th, 2014. The related Draft Citizen Participation Plan Addendum will also be reviewed at the same EDAC meeting. Please see these links for meeting details: <http://blog.cookcountyil.gov/economicdevelopment/edac/> and <http://www.cookcountyclerk.com/countyboard/pages/default.aspx>.