

OPENING OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES AND USE OF HOME FUNDS (\$947,800) UNDER TITLE II OF THE CRANSTON-GONZALEZ NATIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACT OF 1990, AS AMENDED; 42 U.S.C.-12701 et seq. AND AMENDMENT TO CITIES OF PORTLAND AND GRESHAM, MULTNOMAH COUNTY CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 TO FUND TENANT BASED RENT ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES UNDER THE HOME FORWARD SHORT-TERM RENT ASSISTANCE (STRA) PROGRAM.

November 2, 2016

Amendment No. 2016-17 (01)

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On November 2, 2016, the City of Portland proposes to amend its Consolidated Plan FY 2016 as follows:

The City intends to transfer the use of \$947,800 of HOME funds originally designated for affordable housing development in the Consolidated Plan FY2016 to be directed to Home Forward for funding of the Short-Term Rent Assistance (STRA) Program, contracted through the City/County Joint Office of Homeless Services. Home Forward will provide the administrative, training and monitoring oversight of funds, which will provide tenant based rent assistance (TBRA) to households at or below 60% of area median income who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless. An estimated 207 households will be assisted with the funds.

Using HOME funds for STRA will advance the Consolidated Plan's stated goals and efforts to reduce and end homelessness, required by §91.220(i)(1). STRA is one of our community's most effective programs to implement tenant based rent assistance community-based agencies with both federal and local funding.

The purpose of this notice is to provide an opportunity for public comment on this proposed amendment to the cities of Portland and Gresham, and Multnomah County on their Consolidated Plan FY2016-17.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Copies of the amendment will be available for review on November 2, 2016 through December 2, 2016 online at <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/phb/51008> and at the front desk located at the Portland Housing Bureau, 421 SW 6th Avenue, Suite 500, or by calling Jennifer Chang, Program Coordinator, at 503-823-2391. The location mentioned above is accessible to person with disabilities.

For additional information or to submit written comments, contact the Portland Housing Bureau, Attention: Jennifer Chang, Program Coordinator, 421 SW 6th Avenue, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97204-1629 or send an email to: Jennifer.Chang@portlandoregon.gov. Written comments should be received at the above address or email by December 2, 2016. If comments are received, they will be considered.

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