



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

CSD INSTRUCTION #20-006

TO: Local Unit of Government and Other Interested Parties

FROM: Steven C. Hardin, Director
Community Services Division

A blue ink signature of Steven C. Hardin, Director of the Community Services Division.

DATE: March 2, 2020

SUBJECT: Rescheduled Public Hearing Date - State of Mississippi's Five-Year Consolidated Plan

1. **Purpose:** The State of Mississippi is currently developing a Five-year Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development. This study is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and will guide housing, community development, and infrastructure investment policy and actions such as housing, economic development, public facility, water, and infrastructure investment over the next several years. The consolidated planning process serves as the framework for a community-wide dialogue to identify housing and community development priorities.

The Mississippi Home Corporation (MHC) manages the state's housing funds awarded by HUD and is the agency responsible for submitting the state's Five-Year Consolidated Plan to HUD. The state annually receives over \$13 million to operate four housing programs: Home Investment Partnership (HOME), Housing for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and the National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF) programs. Additionally, the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) receives over \$25 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds annually.

To further assist the State of Mississippi, citizens input for the five-year plan is essential to ensure a thorough representation of the views held by people throughout the state and we urge citizens to complete an online survey located at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TF5NQ6T>.

2. **Discussion:** MHC and MDA will conduct a public hearing for the development of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and encourages all citizens, local officials, non-profit organizations, stakeholders and community groups to attend. The public hearing is scheduled at the following location.

Friday
March 13, 2020

12:00 p.m.

West Side Community Center
4006 8th Street
Gulfport, MS 39202

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The public comment period will begin on April 7, 2020 through May 8, 2020. The plan will be made available to the public and can be obtained online at <https://mississippi.org/services/community/library/#csd> for MDA and for MHC at www.mshomecorp.com/federal-programs.

Upon request, copies may be obtained from:

Mississippi Development Authority
ATTENTION: Ray Robinson, Jr.
Post Office Box 849
Jackson, MS 39205

Mississippi Home Corporation
ATTENTION: David Hancock
735 Riverside Drive
Jackson, MS 39202

Public access includes the availability of materials in a form accessible to persons with disabilities, upon request. In addition, a translator will be made available for non-English speaking residents in accessing information upon request.

3. Actions: Citizens, local officials, non-profit organizations, stakeholders and community groups are invited and encouraged to attend this scheduled public hearing.

4. Contact: Inquiries regarding this instruction or if an interpreter is needed should be directed to Ray Robinson, Jr. at 601-359-9273 or via email at rrobinson@mississippi.org or Lillie Naylor at 601-718-4658 or via email at lillie.naylor@mshc.com. The hearing impaired may contact us at 601-359-3119 (TTY). The meeting facility is accessible to persons with disabilities.

We are pledged to the letter and spirit of U.S. policy for the achievement of equal housing opportunity throughout the Nation. We encourage and support an affirmative advertising and marketing program in which there are no barriers to obtaining housing because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin. The Mississippi Development Authority does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admissions or access to or treatment or employment in its programs or activities.

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