

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC REVIEW
FOR THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE PROGRAM YEAR 2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND THE
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN**

Cumberland County has prepared a Substantial Amendment to its Program Year (PY) 2019 Annual Action Plan and the Citizen Participation Plan. This notice provides information regarding the public review period required under Federal Regulations at 24 CFR 91.105 and Federal Regulations waivers due to the COVID-19 crisis. The public review and comment period will begin June 5, 2020 and runs through June 15, 2020.

BACKGROUND

On March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, was signed, providing \$5 billion for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to rapidly respond to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and the economic and housing impacts caused by this unprecedented crisis.

Cumberland County has been awarded \$509,194 in CDBG CARES Act funding (CDBG-CV). A Substantial Amendment to the PY 2019 Annual Action Plan will be required, and usually a thirty (30) day public comment period is required. However, HUD has waived this requirement provided that no less than five (5) days are provided for public comments on each substantial amendment.

The Substantial Amendment to the Annual Action Plan will allocate CDBG-CV program funding for specific programs and projects. These programs and projects are required to primarily benefit low- and moderate-income residents for a given year. The County's Citizen Participation Plan has also been amended to reflect the changes in response to Presidentially declared emergencies.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The draft plans will be available for public comment and review from **June 5, 2020 through June 15, 2020**. Due to temporary closures of certain facilities and to help protect the community and staff from the spread of novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the Cumberland County Community Development Department will limit distribution of the plans. Review of the documents will be available at the following locations:

- Cumberland County Community Development, 707 Executive Place, Fayetteville, NC (by appointment only)
- Eastover Community Center, 4008 School Street, Eastover, NC
- Godwin Town Hall, 4924 Markham Street, Godwin, NC
- Wade Town Hall, 7128 Main Street, Wade, NC

In addition to the locations listed, the documents will also be available on the Cumberland County's website at www.co.cumberland.nc.us (through the Community Development Department). The public is invited to submit written comments on the proposed Amendments. All questions and comments relative to the documents must be received by June 15, 2020 at the Cumberland County Community Development office. Written comments can be submitted by mail to Cumberland County Community Development, 707 Executive Place, Fayetteville, NC 28305 or by email to cccdinfo@co.cumberland.nc.us.

PUBLIC HEARING

All citizens of Cumberland County are invited to listen in on the public hearing that will be held live on **June 15, 2020** via the Cumberland County website (co.cumberland.nc.us), Facebook page (facebook.com/CumberlandNC), Youtube page (youtube.com/user/CumberlandCountyNC/videos), and on Fayetteville Cumberland Education Channel (FCE-TV) Spectrum Cable Channel 5. Commissioners will participate through the GoToMeeting platform. The meeting will begin at 6:45 p.m. Individuals may submit written public comments regarding the public hearing online by 5 p.m., on Sunday, June 14, 2020. The online form is posted at <http://www.co.cumberland.nc.us/departments/commissioners-group/commissioners/meetings/public-comment-submission-virtual-meeting>. Any questions about the public hearing process may be directed to the Clerk to the Board at 910-678-7771.

ACCESSIBILITY TO MEETINGS AND DOCUMENTS

It is the objective of the County to comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 and the ADA Amendment Act of 2008, and the Fair Housing Act. If you require public documents in an accessible format, the County will make reasonable efforts to accommodate your request.

If you have questions concerning the Substantial Amendments or the public hearing, please call (910) 323-6112 or visit the Cumberland County Community Development Office.