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## Amendment to Annual Plan & Consolidated Plan

The City of Alexandria will conduct a Public Hearing on Thursday, December 22, 2016 at 3:00 PM, in the Community Development Conference Room. The City of Alexandria is seeking public comment for three (3) amendments for the proposed use of HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. First, add HOME Deferred Maintenance Major Rehab program activity; second, add CDBG Credit Counseling program activity; and third, reprogram all remaining balances to 2016-2017 program activities. The revised proposed uses of HOME & CDBG funds are described in the City's 2015-2016 Annual Action Plan amendment and the 2015-2020 Five Year Consolidated Plan amendment as required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

First is to add HOME Deferred Maintenance Major Rehab as an eligible program activity. This activity is in response to a need expressed by the community due to a large population of low/mod housing in need of significant repair and is comparable to the CDBG Rehab Minor Program that is already in effect. The appropriation of this activity is therefore comparable to the current Five Year Consolidated Plan. The revision will also re-allocate 2015 and 2016 funds from HOME New Development to HOME Major Rehab.

Second, CDBG Credit Counseling will be added and funded for 2016-2018 program years to offer education on cleaning up credit and establishing good credit scores. This activity is in response to the need demonstrated by lack of qualified applicants in the CDBG First Time Homebuyer Program. The appropriation of this activity is therefore comparable to the current Five Year Consolidated Plan.

Third, all funding balances remaining in prior year activities for CDBG and HOME will be reprogrammed into 2016-2017 programs. Prior year balances will be zeroed out and closed. Past program activities to include CDBG Minor Rehab, CDBG Demolition / Clearance, CDBG Program Administration and HOME Program Administration and any other with remaining balances.

For persons with disabilities who need reasonable accommodation, please contact our office by December 19th to make arrangements. Persons who wish to comment on the amendment, but cannot attend the public hearing, can do so by submitting written comments to our office via postal mail or email.

Interested persons can download the proposed amendment from the City's website: [www.cityofalexandrialala.com](http://www.cityofalexandrialala.com), under the heading "Services", then "Community Development", then "Five Year Consolidated Plan" and "Annual Action Plan". A copy of each may also be provided by visiting our office during normal business hours. All comments will be given careful consideration prior to any further action on the part of the City towards project implementation. No comments received after 4:00 PM on December 22, 2016 will be considered.

Contact the Community Development Office at 318-449-5072; visit at 625 Murray Street, Third Floor; postal mail to PO Box 71, Alexandria, LA 71309; or email to [cda@cityofalex.com](mailto:cda@cityofalex.com).



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