

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND 30 DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD CONCERNING HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FUNDING

A Meeting of the City Council of the City of Tampa has been called by the Chair of the City Council to conduct a second public hearing on the City of Tampa's Fiscal Year ("FY") 2025/Program Year ("PY") 2024 Annual Action Plan, which includes the Community Development Block Grant Program ("CDBG"), Emergency Solutions Grants Program ("ESG"), Home Investment Partnerships ("HOME") and the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program ("HOPWA"). This hearing will be conducted with a live in-person quorum of the City Council present in City Council Chambers. Members of the public can attend in person in City Council Chambers or virtually participate in this public meeting by using the methods described herein.

Meeting details are as follows:

Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024
Time: 5:01 P.M.
Location: Old City Hall
315 E. Kennedy Blvd.
Tampa FL 33602

The public and citizens of the City of Tampa will be able to watch, listen or view this meeting on:

Cable TV: Spectrum Channel 640
Frontier Channel 15
Internet: <https://www.tampa.gov/livestream>

Members of the public will be able to virtually participate in this public meeting by using what is referred to by State of Florida statutes and rules as "communications media technology" ("CMT") or by the following alternative methods:

- 1. Send written comments by internet or web** at <https://www.tampa.gov/PublicComment>
- 2. Send written comments by email** to TampaCityCouncil@tampagov.net
- 3. Send written comments by US Mail** to City of Tampa City Clerk, 315 E. Kennedy Blvd., 3rd Floor, Tampa, FL 33602.

4. Speak remotely during public comment with the use of CMT:

Complete the form at <https://www.tampa.gov/PublicComment> **AND state on the form under "Request Type" that you wish to speak live during the public comment period.** You will then be contacted with additional instructions on how to participate live through the use of CMT. Registration for speaking **remotely** must be requested at least **24 hours prior to the meeting.**

All comments must be received no later than 5:01 P.M., Wednesday, June 26, 2024 (24 hours prior to the hearing) in order to be made a part of the official records. Public comments timely received by mail, email, web, or via CMT will be afforded equal consideration as if the public comments were made in person.

For additional information, please contact City Council Attorney Martin Shelby at Martin.Shelby@tampa.gov or 813-274-8869.

The purpose of this Public Hearing shall be to:

- 1) Present information concerning the FY2025/PY2024 Annual Action Plan, including the CDBG,

ESG, HOME, and HOPWA programs. Information shall include, but not be limited to, the types of activities previously undertaken, anticipated level of funding, range of eligible activities, and other pertinent program requirements. This information may be provided in writing.

- 2) **Open the 30-day public comment period which will run from June 27, 2024, to July 28, 2024.**
- 3) Obtain the views and comments of citizens concerning community development, priority housing and non-housing needs at the initial stage of program to be used by City staff in the preparation of the FY2025/PY2024 Annual Action Plan.
- 4) Afford to any person or organization the opportunity to be heard on this subject.
- 5) Announce the release of the Fiscal Year 2025/ Program Year 2024 Request for Proposals for program funding.

Please note that virtual workshops on the Request for Proposals are available at <https://www.tampa.gov/housing-and-community-development/funding-resources>

The purpose of these workshops is to:

- a. Present information concerning the referenced programs. Information shall include, but not be limited to, the types of activities previously undertaken, anticipated level of funding, range of eligible activities, and other pertinent program requirements.
 - b. Review the application process.
 - c. Clarify all submission dates and provide updated documents.
- 6) **All comments to the Action Plan should be directed to:**

**Housing and Community Development Division
City of Tampa / 2555 E. Hanna Ave. / Tampa, Florida 33610
Phone: (813) 274-7954
ATTN: Kayon Henderson, HCD Director
Email: Kayon.henderson@tampagov.net**

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in the Public Hearing should contact the City of Tampa's ADA Coordinator at least 48 hours prior to the proceeding. The ADA Coordinator may be contacted by phone at 813-274-3964, email at TampaADA@tampagov.net, or by submitting an ADA - Accommodations Request online form available at tampagov.net/ADARquest.

****Closed Captioning is also available through the virtual meeting provider – those wishing to use such provider services are strongly urged to test and become familiar with them and how any assistive features may be accessed in advance of the prior 24 hour period – if you experience difficulty accessing such assistive controls or have other similar questions, please contact the City's ADA Coordinator ****

Although this Meeting is intended to obtain information for the preparation of the FY2025/PY2024 Annual Action Plan, City Council will not take formal action on the plan until after the second public hearing, to be noticed separately. Any person wishing to appeal any matter to be considered at this meeting shall ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, including all testimony and evidence upon which the appeal may be based (F.S. 286.0105).