



PUBLIC HEARINGS ANNOUNCEMENT

State of Mississippi 2018 Annual Action Plan

Mississippi Home Corporation (MHC) and the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) will conduct public hearings to obtain input from citizens for the development of the 2018 Annual Action Plan. The Annual Action Plan is a requirement of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and sets forth the state's method of distribution of anticipated program funds under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program, HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program, and the Housing Trust Fund (HTF) Program.

The Annual Action Plan (AAP) Public Hearings are scheduled at the following locations and times.

March 8, 2018	6:00 p.m.	North Delta Planning & Development District (NDPDD) 220 Power Drive, Batesville, MS 38606
March 9, 2018	10:00 a.m.	Tupelo City Hall 71 Troy Street, Tupelo, MS 38804
March 20, 2018	10:00 a.m.	Municipal Complex 1501 Main Street, Columbus, MS 39701
March 22, 2018	6:00 p.m.	Mississippi Home Corporation (MHC) 735 Riverside Drive, Jackson, MS 39202
March 28, 2018	9:00 a.m.	Mississippi's Annual Affordable Housing Conference 2018 Golden Nugget 151 Beach Boulevard, Biloxi, MS 39120

Citizens, local officials, non-profit organizations, stakeholders, and community groups are invited and encouraged to attend.

All meeting locations are accessible to persons with disabilities. If a translator is needed for non-English speaking persons, please contact Ray Robinson, Jr. at 601-359-9273 at least 5 days prior to the meeting to accommodate the request. The hearing impaired may contact us at 601-359-3119 (TTY).

Mississippi Home Corporation and the Mississippi Development Authority do not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admissions or access to or treatment or employment in its programs or activities.

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.





Mississippi Home Corporation Research and Development Federal Programs

PROGRAMS: **Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG)**
 HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)
 Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA)
 National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF)

Summary

The Annual Action Plan (AAP) is the annual implementation of the Five Year Consolidated Plan for the HUD Formula Grant Programs. The AAP is the State's Plan to allocate funding for the eligible activities.

I. Process

The 2018 Annual Action Plan will be submitted to HUD by May 15, 2018. Five (5) public input meetings are scheduled to be held at the following locations:

Thursday, March 8, 2018	Batesville, MS
Friday, March 9, 2018	Tupelo, MS
Tuesday, March 20, 2018	Columbus, MS
Thursday, March 22, 2018	Jackson, MS
Wednesday, March 28, 2018	Biloxi, MS

There will be a public comment period from March 29, 2018 – April 27, 2018. At the end of the comment period, any comments received will be considered by Mississippi Home Corporation (MHC) for HOME, ESG, HOPWA, and HTF programs and Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) for the Community Development Block Grant program.

April 9, 2018 Board Meeting

Provide updates from the Public Hearings and Comment Period.

II. Allocation of Funds 2018

The proposed allocation of funds for 2018 are estimated based on the amount received in 2017 funding and projected funding for federal programs 2018. Once the allocation for 2018 is received from HUD, a Program Bulletin will be issued with the exact amount of funding available.

Program	Activities	Allocation
ESG	Rapid Re-Housing	\$841,683
	Shelter	\$750,000
	Homeless Prevention	\$392,785
	Street Outreach	\$166,207
	HMIS*	\$188,766
	State Administration	\$65,000
TOTAL ESG		\$ 2,404,441
HOME	Homeowner Rehabilitation	\$3,628,493
	Rental	\$1,450,000
	CHDO Set-Aside	\$1,415,557
	CHDO Operating Expenses	\$50,000
	Home Of Your Own Set-Aside	\$150,000
	State Administration	\$638,228
	TOTAL HOME	
HOPWA	Substantial Rehab/New Construction	\$231,920
	Services	\$927,682
TOTAL HOPWA		\$1,159,602
NHTF	Construction/Rehabilitation	\$2,700,000
	Admin	\$300,000
TOTAL NHTF		\$3,000,000

*HMIS – Homeless Management Information System

ACTIVITIES

The following proposed language will be used in the 2018 Annual Action Plan.

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM (ESG)

There are no changes proposed for the ESG Program.

ESG Program is designed to improve administrative efficiency and enhance response coordination and effectiveness in addressing the needs of homeless persons. Proposed program activities for 2018 is to provides service for persons who are homeless, at risk of homelessness and services for special populations such as homeless youth, victim services (victims of human trafficking), and services for people living with HIV/AIDS. The five ESG program components are: street outreach, emergency shelter (homeless population, domestic violence and children and youth), rapid re-housing of homeless individuals and/or families, homeless prevention to individuals and/or families at risk of homelessness, and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data collection.

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME)

The State's HOME Program will provide the required 15% set-aside for Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO). Funds will also be allocated to Rental Housing and homeownership set-asides, and a competitive application process for local units of government for homeowner rehabilitation activities. HOME funds assist households with income at or below 80% of area median income according to family size and locale. Proposed program activities for the 2018 Annual Action Plan

are: New construction/substantial rehabilitation of single and multi-family rental units, down payment assistance/closing cost, homeowner rehabilitation/reconstruction, CHDO Operating Expense.

1. HOMEOWNER REHABILITATION

Funds in this category will be increased by \$300,000. Retrofitting a home for handicapped accessibility will now be included as an eligible activity.

Funds are used to provide safe, decent, affordable housing by eliminating substandard conditions, including retrofit for handicapped accessibility through rehabilitation or reconstruction of owner occupied units. HOME funds are distributed through a competitive process.

2. RENTAL

Eligible activities will include lease purchase or rent to own units.

Funds will be used to provide rental housing for low to very low income households. The Rental Housing Set-Aside funding will provide "gap" financing rental housing development activities, lease purchase/rent-to-own activity, acquisition/rehab rental housing activities, or substantial rehabilitation of rental units. Eligible applicants are for profit and non-profit organizations with demonstrated experience and capacity to undertake HOME activities, according to HUD regulations. HOME funds are distributed through a competitive process and in the form of a cash flow loan.

3. Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)

There are no changes proposed for the CHDO Program.

CHDO Set-Aside/Rental Housing Set-Aside will provide development or substantial rehabilitation of multi-family rental units and development of single family homeownership units by creating decent housing with improved availability. Funds are distributed through a competitive process.

4. HOME OF YOUR OWN (HOYO) SET-A-SIDE HOMEOWNERSHIP

Funds for this program are proposed to be reduced from \$450,000 to \$150,000. The number of home purchase loans originated under this program have declined in the last two years.

The HOYO program is administered by the Institute for Disability Studies at the University of Southern Mississippi. These HOME funds are provided to eligible households to assist with homeownership by providing down payment and closing cost assistance.

5. LIHTC Set-Aside

This activity is proposed to be removed as a separate set-aside under the HOME Program. LIHTC properties may apply under the HOME rental component.

6. TENANT BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE (TBRA)

This activity is proposed to be removed as an eligible activity. There were no requests for funding under this activity in 2017.

Housing Opportunity for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)

There are no changes proposed to the eligible activities for the HOPWA Program.

HOPWA funds provide services for low-income persons/families with HIV/AIDS to prevent homelessness. The proposed activities for 2018 are: Short-Term Rent, Mortgage and Utility assistance (STRMU), Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), Short-Term Supported housing, Master Leasing, Permanent Housing Placement, housing information, supportive services, resource identification, acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of structures used for eligible HOPWA activities, and technical assistance.

National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF)

There are no changes proposed to the eligible activities for the National Housing Trust Fund Program.

The primary purposes of the NHTF is to increase and preserve the supply of rental housing for extremely low income households earning less than 30% of area median income (AMI) or the federal poverty guidelines published by the Department of Health and Human Services.

All projects using NHTF must address the following priorities:

1. Address the affordable rental housing needs for extremely low (30 % of AMI) and very low-income (50% AMI) households
2. Address critical housing needs with an emphasis on the prevention, reduction, and expansion of permanent housing opportunities for persons experiencing homelessness and persons with serious mental illness. A total of twenty 20% of the total development units will be reserved for prioritized populations.
3. Mississippi Home Corporation will make every effort to balance statutory priorities and preferences and ensure a geographic distribution as defined by the State's Consolidated Plan and/or low and high opportunity areas.
4. Projects will be funded according to the shortage or strong evidence of an inadequate supply of rental housing affordable to very low and extremely low-income households.

The State of Mississippi is required on an annual basis to submit an Annual Allocation Plan to HUD disclosing how HTF funds will be distributed. This Plan is reviewed and approved by HUD prior to receiving HTF allocations. These Eligible applicants are for profit and non-profit organizations with demonstrated experience and capacity to undertake HOME activities, according to HUD regulations.

Eligible Areas

Eligible Areas are State-wide.

III. Application Submission

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG)

There are no changes to the application process proposed for the ESG Program.

The application period is scheduled, after notification of appropriations. After notification, a date is determined and a Program Bulletin will be issued on MHC's website.

Eligible applicants are Continuum of Care organizations, non-profit homeless service provider organizations, and eligible local units of government.

HOUSING OPPORTUNITY FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS (HOPWA)

There are no changes to the application process proposed for the HOPWA Program.

A Request for Proposal process will be followed in order to provide services to the special needs population served by the HOPWA funding. Rehabilitation is an eligible activity under this program. The application period is scheduled, after notification of appropriation. After notification, a date is determined and a Program Bulletin will be issued on MHC's website.

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME)
COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (CHDO) SET-ASIDE

There are no changes to the application process proposed for HOME funds or CHDO Set-Aside.

HOME funds are distributed through a competitive process. Eligible applicants are local units of government, for-profit firms, and non-profit organizations with a structured Board, paid staff and demonstrate capacity to undertake HOME activities, according to HUD regulations.

The Homeowner Rehabilitation Program is a competitive application process which involves a Threshold, application (Phase I & Phase II). Eligible applicants are local units of government throughout the State. The application period is scheduled, after notification of appropriation. After notification, a date is determined and a Program Bulletin will be issued on MHC's website

National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF)

There are no changes proposed for the application process for the National Housing Trust Fund Program.

HTF funds are distributed through a competitive process and in the form of a cash flow loan. The eligible activity will be construction or rehabilitation of rental property. Single family homeownership is not available under this program. The application period is scheduled, after notification of allocation of funds. After notification, a date is determined and a Program Bulletin will be issued on MHC's website.