

STATE OF MINNESOTA

Department of Employment and Economic Development

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency

Minnesota Department of Human Services

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS AND DRAFT AVAILABILITY

**STATE OF MINNESOTA 2016 HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (ACTION PLAN) AND CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL
PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER) FOR 2015**

The State of Minnesota is developing its annual Action Plan for 2016, and the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for 2015 and encourages citizens to participate in their development.

Annually the state submits an Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order to receive federal housing and community development funding through the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, Emergency Solutions Grants, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS programs, and now the national Housing Trust Fund (HTF). The state's 2012-2016 Consolidated Plan examines the housing and community development needs of the state, and sets priorities for allocating HUD funds. The annual Action Plan directs how the state will meet current and future needs and priorities in the coming year.

For 2016, the Action Plan will include the HTF. HUD guidance prevents the State from including the HTF in the Action Plan it submits to HUD until the amount of funds the State is allocated is announced by HUD. If the HTF allocation is not announced before the State

submits the Action Plan, information developed in this public comment process pertinent to the HTF will be used to substantially amend the 2016 Action Plan that is submitted.

The state submits its CAPER to HUD annually as one of the conditions of receiving federal funds under the programs identified above. The CAPER provides information to measure the state's progress during the past year in meeting assistance goals and priorities identified in the Consolidated Plan. The CAPER includes a summary and analysis of progress made on identified actions that state agencies have elected to undertake to affirmatively further fair housing and overcome impediments to fair housing.

Process to Comment on the Annual Action Plan

The state will hold its first public hearing about the Action Plan on **Monday, July 27, 2015**, to gather citizen input on housing and community development needs and how federal funding should be allocated in the state.

A second public hearing on the Action Plan will be held on **Monday, September 21, 2015**. This second public hearing will be for review and comment on the draft Action Plan, which will be available for public review and comment beginning August 21, 2015. The draft Action Plan will be available on the Internet at <http://www.mnhousing.gov> and <http://mn.gov/deed/government/financial-assistance/community-funding/> and in state depositories identified in the Citizen Participation Plan, which may be viewed at the same internet locations. Hard copies of the Action Plan can be obtained by calling Gloria Stiehl, Department of Employment and Economic Development, 1-800-657-3858, or (651) 259-7462, or TTY 1-800-282-5909 or (651) 296-3900. Both hearings will be held at 4:00 p.m. at the Minnesota Department of Human Services, Room 1236, 444 Lafayette Road, St. Paul. Free

parking for the hearings is available in parking lot C adjacent to the building. Call 1-800-657-3858 or TTY 1-800-282-5909 for more information about these hearings.

Comments on the draft Action Plan will be accepted until close of business **September 22, 2015**. Written public comments should be submitted to: Action Plan, Attn: Gloria Stiehl; Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development; First National Bank Building; 332 Minnesota Street, Suite E200; St. Paul, MN 55101-1351; via fax to (651) 296-1290 or by email to gloria.stiehl@state.mn.us. To ensure consideration of your comments, type “Action Plan” in the subject line of your e-mail.

The State will consider any comments from individuals or groups received in writing or at public hearings. A summary of the written and public hearing comments on the Action Plan and the State’s responses will be included in the final Action Plan. The Action Plan and, if necessary, substantial amendment, will be submitted to HUD after HUD notifies the State of its fiscal year 2016 allocations.

Process to Comment on the CAPER

A draft of the 2015 CAPER will be available for public review and comment beginning November 14, 2015, at www.mnhousing.gov and <http://mn.gov/deed/government/financial-assistance/community-funding/> and ending at close of business on December 1, 2015. Hard copies of the CAPER can be obtained by calling Minnesota Housing Finance Agency at 1-800-657-3769 or (651) 296-7608, or TTY (651) 297-2361.

Written public comments on the CAPER must be submitted by December 1, 2015 to: CAPER, Minnesota Housing Finance Agency; 400 Sibley Street, Suite 300; St. Paul, MN

55101; via fax to (651) 296-8139 or by email to mn.housing@state.mn.us. To ensure consideration of your comments, type "CAPER" in the subject line of your e-mail.

The State will consider any comments from individuals or groups received in writing and a summary of the written comments on the CAPER and the State's responses will be included in the final CAPER. The CAPER will be submitted to HUD on or before December 31, 2015.