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Meeting Minutes June 28, 2024 10:30 AM

Location: 140 E 300 S, SLC, UT 84111 Room 101 North https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/4069662590?omn=88264326886

2023 Annual Action Plan Amendment #1 & 2024 Annual Action Plan Draft Comment Period and Public Hearing

Staff in Attendance: Alyssa Gamble, Zach Leavitt, Ryan Wilson, Lily Ward

Public in Attendance:

2023 Annual Action Plan Amendment #1 Comment period and Public Hearing

The meeting began at 10:32 am. Alyssa Gamble welcomed the group joining the meeting and introduced herself, members of the Department of Workforce Services Staff and allowed the public participants to introduce themselves. There were four members of Department of Workforce Services staff in attendance at the meeting and four members of the public.

Alyssa described that the State of Utah Housing and Community Development Division (HCD) and State of Utah Office of Homeless Services (OHS) have completed an amendment to their 2023 Annual Action Plan (AAP).

She described that the AAP outlines the priorities and goals for the Housing and Urban Development funded programs administered by the State of Utah for the upcoming year. These programs include the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME and HOME-ARP) Program, the Housing Trust Fund (HTF) Program, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program, and the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program. This plan covers the 2023 program year (PY23) that runs from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. This plan is an update to the 5-year Consolidated Plan that was published in 2020 and ends in 2024.



140 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111 • Telephone 385-249-4808 Relay Utah 711 • Spanish Relay Utah 1-888-346-3162 Fax 801-468-0211 • jobs.utah.gov • Equal Opportunity Employer/Programs Alyssa described that the funding received in the 2023 allocation was nearly \$15.5 million in federal funding for these programs and an additional \$4.1 million was available from previous year's resources. As a required condition of receiving this funding, Utah also provided \$2.3 million in match funding for these programs.

She described that a copy of the amended plan was available on the public notice website and that the amendments include updated projects for ESG, HOPWA, CDBG, HOME, and HTF. She described that the 30-day comment period on the amendment extended from May 28 to June 27 and no comments were submitted during that time. She opened the public hearing for comments and questions. No comments or questions were received during the hearing and she close public hearing at 10:39 am.

2024 Annual Action Plan Public Comment Period and Notice of Public Hearing for the Draft Plan

Alyssa described that The State of Utah Housing and Community Development Division (HCD) and State of Utah Office of Homeless Services (OHS) held a public comment period regarding the 2024 Annual Action Plan (AAP) to provide an opportunity for members of the public to review and comment on the draft Annual Action Plan.

She explained that the AAP outlines the priorities and goals for the Housing and Urban Development funded programs administered by the State of Utah for the upcoming year. These programs include the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME and HOME-ARP) Program, the Housing Trust Fund (HTF) Program, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program, and the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program. This plan covers the 2024 program year (PY24) that runs from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025 and is an update to the 5-year Consolidated Plan that was published in 2020 and ends in 2024.

Alyssa described that in program year 2024 the State of Utah estimates that \$13,723,488 in federal funding for these programs will be received and an additional \$2.2 million is estimated to be available from previous year's resources. As a required condition of receiving this funding, Utah also provided \$2.2 million in match funding for these programs.

A copy of the draft plan is available on the public notice website.

The 30-day comment period extended from May 28 to June 27. Alyssa described that one comment was received, stating that the commenter represented and advocated for the homeless and that they need to be part of decisions that will affect them. The comment also stated that funding should not be directed to developers which make it impossible to rent units.

Alyssa described that all feedback and comments are welcome on the use of funds and that the programs do have constraints on their use based on federal regulations and requirements. She described that programs like the Housing Trust Fund uses funding

specifically for units serving Utahns at 30% or below the Area Median Income. Other programs, like CDBG can serve residents as high as 80% of the Area Median Income. She explained that these programs serve a range of residents and projects that are low to moderate income.

Alyssa opened the public hearing for comments and questions. No further comments or questions were received. The hearing was closed, and meeting adjourned at 10:46 am.