City of Elizabeth hereby announces that it will be submitting a Substantial Change Amendment Request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requesting substantial changes to the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan. The Amendment consists of changes to the Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Grant to include the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

These proposed changes have been identified in the corresponding FY Annual Action Plan (AAP) and can be found on City of Elizabeth/Elizabeth Home Improvement Bureau (EHIP) website. Pursuant to HUD’s regulations, the substantial change amends the AAP to include the current HUD program waivers and increases the HOME fund allocation to reflect the additional funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, (ARP) Public Law 117-2 to the FY 2021-2022 HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) –HOME ARP.

The City will be receiving $3,358,343 in HOME-ARP funding under the ARP Act funding allocation. The HOME-ARP funding will be used for Rental Assistance, Administration Fees, Social Services, (for those at greatest risk of instability/cost-burdened), for the following priorities: 1) those at greatest risk of housing instability/cost-burdened, 2) at-risk of homeless, 3) homeless, and eligible costs up to 20% for Administration.

Prior to submission of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, City of Elizabeth will hold a virtual public hearing to receive comments regarding the use of funds and eligible activities (The link for virtual public hearing, which will be held on Tuesday, December 28, 2021 at 1:00 PM, may be accessed at the City's website mentioned below).

Citizens are encouraged to review the draft substantial amendment information on the City’s website at https://www.elizabethnj.org/396/Public-Notice. Copies of the documents are available for review and comment during the 15-day period commencing on Wednesday, December 22, 2021, and ending Thursday, January 6, 2021. Please provide comments to Victoria Rivera, Community Development Program Director, at: publiccomments@elizabethnj.org.

In accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this hearing should contact the phone number below at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting date.

Translation and/or interpretation services available upon request. If you have Limited English Proficiency (LEP), please notify the Elizabeth Home Improvement Office at 908-352-8450.

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