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## **ADDENDUM #3** to Public Housing Notice 2019-26

To: All Local Housing Authority Executive Directors

From: Ben Stone, Associate Director, Division of Public Housing

Subject: ADDENDUM #3– Creative Placemaking Deadline Extension

Date: March 16, 2020

## **Notice of Deadline Extension – Creative Placemaking Notice**

## ADDENDUM #3 - Q&A

The deadline for the Creative Place-making grant will be extended by two weeks to 5:00 pm April 29<sup>th</sup> to allow Local Housing Authorities (LHAs) currently immersed in preparing their staff and residents for the disruptions associated with COVID-19 time to complete the application

Given the current situation with Covid-19 and the restriction on gatherings of people, particularly with vulnerable populations, we understand LHAs cannot complete full interactive resident engagement if they have not already done so. LHAs should <u>NOT HOLD RESIDENT MEETINGS</u> at this time, especially for the purposes of responding to this Notice of Funding Availability.

LHAs are directed to seek alternative means of resident input – email or phone surveys, paper forms to a box, etc. We will take these challenges into account when we are scoring the community engagement portion of the application.

Additionally there are no page limitations on the application, use what is needed to describe the project. We appreciate concise responses, as always.

Please reach out <u>ben.stone@mass.gov</u>, <u>simone.early@mass.gov</u>, and <u>Aviva.rothmanshore@mass.gov</u> with any questions.