

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD)  
 Substantial Amendment to the 2020 Action Plan -- HOME Investment Partnerships Program

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Between April 1, 2020 and January 31, 2021, the Department of Housing and Community Development received \$2,993,673.15 in HOME loan payments from approximately seventeen HOME-funded portfolio development projects. This HOME Program Income was collected similarly to the amount received between April 1, 2019 and March 31, 2020 already referenced in the 2020 Action Plan and accessed in the fall of 2020 through a 2019 Action Plan amendment. Despite the pandemic, DHCD's rental development pipeline has been moving along well. 2019 allocation funds and previously referenced HOME Program Income already have been committed to new HOME rental development activities and we anticipate the 2020 Cooperative Grant Agreement very soon. As with the prior collection of HOME Program Income, DHCD intends to make this additional HOME Program Income available for commitment to the new HOME rental development projects. The need for affordable rental housing units has only intensified during the pandemic. This additional HOME Program Income will leverage at least 33 additional HOME-assisted rental development units.

Amendment to the 2020 Action Plan HOME Budget:

| Funding Category   | Budget Amount  |
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| Rental Development | Increased by \$2,993,673.15 from HOME Program Income                           |
| Administration     | n/a (We plan to program the full amount to new rental development activities.) |
| TOTAL              | \$2,993,673.15 in HOME Program Income added to the current 2020 Action Plan    |

DHCD has published this document on its website on February 19, 2021 and has provided notice of its posting through both the 'News' section of the website and the Housing Development division listServ. DHCD is utilizing a 5-day public comment period in accordance with HUD's memo, *Availability of Waivers and Suspensions of the HOME Program Requirements in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic*, dated April 10, 2020. As stated in the memo, the waiver was granted to allow Participating Jurisdictions to expeditiously reprogram HOME funds to activities that more directly meet their immediate needs. Requiring the longer public comment period would cause undue delays in the face of urgent and growing need. Reprogramming these HOME Program Income funds, so they can be accessed as quickly as possible will support the creation of much needed affordable housing. DHCD will maintain documentation demonstrating the need to utilize this particular COVID-19 waiver.

Comments may be submitted in the following ways:

- Written comments via email to Rebecca Frawley Wachtel at: [Rebecca.frawley@mass.gov](mailto:Rebecca.frawley@mass.gov)
- By telephone: contact 617.573.1318 and leave a clear message with a phone number for a prompt return call.

Comments will be accepted until February 24, 2021 at 2pm.