

Multifamily Housing Notice 19-14

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To: Developers, Sponsors and Local Housing Contacts

From: Gregory Hare, Director, Multifamily Housing

Re: ***2020 Qualified Allocation Plan and Multifamily Rental Financing Program Guide Revision -- Update and Schedule for Listening Sessions***

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development is initiating the process to revise the Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) and Multifamily Rental Financing Program Guide (Guide). This notice is an update about upcoming events and opportunities for you to provide feedback to this ongoing process. It is the intention of the Department to have a transparent and open process regarding the changes to the Qualified Allocation Plan and Multifamily Rental Financing Program Guide.

Since the creation of the LIHTC program in 1986, the Department has benefited greatly from the input and participation of our partners, with the end result being the production of thousands of quality affordable rental homes for low-income households across the State. As the Department moves forward in revising the Qualified Allocation Plan and Multifamily Rental Financing Program Guide, we are committed to achieving a final product that balances many competing priorities and benefits from the collective expertise and experience of interested parties.

This notice, as well as other documents and resources associated with the revision of the Qualified Allocation Plan and Multifamily Rental Financing Program Guide will be posted to our website over the next several days, and I encourage you to visit this website as we continue through this process.

Beginning in September, the Department will hold a series of Regional Listening Sessions to provide an overview of the Spring 2019 Round, solicit additional comments you, as well as to engage in a dialogue regarding revisions to the Qualified Allocation Plan and Multifamily Rental Financing Program Guide. Below are the dates and locations of the Regional Listening Sessions. Please feel free to attend as many of the meetings as you wish.

Eastern Shore: Thursday, September 26, 2019 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Town of Denton
4 North Second Street, Denton, Maryland 21629

Southern Maryland: Tuesday, October 1, 2019 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development
7800 Harkins Road, Lanham, Maryland 20706



MULTIFAMILY HOUSING UPDATES

Western Maryland: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 10:30 am to 12:30 pm
Elgin Station Crossing Community Center
40 Elgin Boulevard, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740

Central Maryland – North: Friday, October 4, 2018, 10:00 am to 12:30 pm
300 North Apartments
300 N Warwick Ave, Baltimore, MD 21223

Following the Regional Listening Sessions, it is our goal to issue to a draft Qualified Allocation Plan and Multifamily Rental Financing Program Guide for comment during the fall. It is the Department's goal to complete this process and adopt a new Qualified Allocation Plan and Multifamily Rental Financing Program Guide in early 2020.

I encourage you to participate as we move forward in this process. We have established a dedicated email address for the revision of the Qualified Allocation Plan and Multifamily Rental Financing Program Guide. The email address is dhcd.qap@Maryland.gov. Please submit your comments regarding your suggested revisions to this address. We value your input and want to assure you that all feedback we are receiving is being taken into consideration as we formulate our 2020 Qualified Allocation Plan and Multifamily Rental Financing Program Guide. If you have a questions please contact me at 301-429-7775 or Gregory.Hare@Maryland.gov.

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