

PUBLIC NOTICE

ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS

The Lake County Community Economic Development Department (LCCEDD) is proposing to amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 Annual Action Plans (9-1-2018 to 8-31-2024) for use of HOME Investment Partnership Program funds (HOME).

Background:

- The HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funding is used primarily for housing projects in Lake County such as homes built by Habitat for Humanity, Veterans Apartment Housing, and Home Buyers. The HOME Program funding requires each public jurisdiction that receives funding to adopt an Annual Action Plan designating uses of the annual funding. All Annual Action Plans detail funding priorities in each year within a 5-year Consolidated Plan (2018-2023) and outlines the Implementation of annual funding, which is developed through significant public input, analysis, and planning from both stakeholders and citizens within the Lake County, Indiana public jurisdiction.

The LCCEDD Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) describes efforts that the County will take to encourage residents and stakeholders to participate in developing these plans. It also provides requirements for public processes when a “Substantial Amendment” to the Annual Action Plan or Plans are proposed. The following changes constitute a substantial amendment and require public notice as described in the LCCEDD CPP:

- Funding of a new activity not previously described in the Consolidated and/or Action Plans
- When an existing activity is:
 1. Expanded into an area not contiguous to the original service area, or
 2. Expanded into a Census Block Group meeting a different National objective, or
 3. Expanded or reduced, budget-wise by greater than 15 percent and at least \$75,000.00

Proposed Substantial Amendments:

HOME funds must be used for qualified individuals or families meeting the low to moderate income levels in Lake County, Indiana.

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>From Plan Project</u>	<u>Funds to be Moved</u>	<u>To Plan Project</u>
FY2018	HOME Administration	44,848.90	FY2023 Housing*
FY2019	HOME Administration	140,000.00	FY2023 Housing*
FY2020	HOME Administration	152,363.75	FY2023 Housing*
FY2021	HOME Administration	60,642.10	FY2023 Housing*
FY2022	HOME Administration	66,998.30	FY2023 Housing*
FY2021	Recaptured Funds	approx. 50,324.36	FY2023 Housing*
FY2019	Program Income	approx. 129,309.04	FY2023 Housing*
FY2022	Program Income	approx. 52,852.16	FY2023 Housing*
FY2018	Unused Funds	115,228.60	FY2023 Housing*
FY2019	Unused Funds	175,210.95	FY2023 Housing*
FY2020	River Walk Sub (new homes)	226,715.10	FY2023 Housing*
FY2021	River Walk Sub (new homes)	224,494.70	FY2023 Housing*

<u>FY2022</u>	<u>River Walk Sub (new homes)</u>	<u>318,988.10</u>	<u>FY2023 Housing*</u>
	Total HOME funds	1,757,976.06	

*FY2023 Housing Developments are projects anywhere in the Lake County, IN public jurisdiction.

Goals:

Up to 20 housing units for low to moderate income tenants including, but not limited to, permanent supportive housing.

Minor Plan Amendment:

The Lake County Board of Commissioners would like to change their FY2023 project from Slum and Blight prevention (demolitions) to ADA Park Improvements for two parks in unincorporated Calumet Township. The project allocation remains at \$75,000.00.

Analysis:

This proposal qualifies as a substantial amendment because it meets the criteria described in the LCCEDD CPP.

Public Process:

LCCEDD is providing notice of a thirty (30) day public comment period beginning on Thursday, March 21st, 2024 and ending on Monday, April 22nd, 2024 at 12:00 PM CST. A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, April 22nd, 2024 at 4:00 pm in the offices of LCCEDD. The LCCEDD offices are located in Room A-310 of the Lake County Government Center, 2293 North Main Street in Crown Point. The office is accessible to persons with physical disabilities. LCCEDD will also make reasonable accommodations for persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) and persons with disabilities. If special arrangements need to be made to accommodate citizens in order for them to participate in the public hearing, please call LCCEDD at least three days before the hearing at (219) 755-3225.

Public Comments will be accepted from March 21st, 2024 until the end of the public hearing.

The public is encouraged to visit www.lakecountyin.org under the “Departments” tab select “County Services” and then “Community Economic Development” for news, announcements, and plan documents or to email comments to the Executive Director, Mr. Timothy A. Brown at brownta@lakecountyin.org. Or you may call 219-755-3225 and leave voicemail comments about uses of the HOME Program funding.

All program materials including notices, resolutions, agendas, plans, plan amendments, and final plan documents are available in Spanish upon request. Contact Tim Brown by phone at 219-755-3225 or by email at brownta@lakecountyin.org.

(NOTE TO EDITOR: please print on Thursday, March 21st, 2024, Thank you.)