

## **OPENING OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

### **NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES AND USE OF EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) FUNDS (\$247,649) UNDER THE ESG PROGRAM, UNDER SUBTITLE B OF TITLE IV OF THE MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT (42 U.S.C. 11371-11378), AS AMENDED. AMENDMENT TO CITIES OF PORTLAND AND GRESHAM AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2011-2012 TO INCORPORATE FUNDING AND ACTIVITIES UNDER THE HOME FORWARD SHORT-TERM RENT ASSISTANCE (STRA) PROGRAM.**

April 13, 2012

Amendment No. 2011-08

#### **TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:**

On May 14, 2012, the City of Portland (City) proposes to amend its Consolidated Plan Action Plan for FY 2011-12 as follows:

Accept \$247,649 in funding allocated by formula from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program. The City intends to use the funds to rapidly re-house households experiencing homelessness, including the following activities:

- Short- and medium-term rental assistance
- Housing relocation and stabilization services, including:
  - Financial assistance costs for rental application fees, security deposits, last month's rent, utility deposits, utility payments and moving costs
  - Services costs for housing search and placement and housing stability case management

The City intends to expend ESG funds over a one-year period, beginning in July 2012. The City will allocate funds through a procured contract with Home Forward (the new name for the Housing Authority of Portland) for distribution through its Short-term Rent Assistance (STRA) program. Home Forward will provide administration, training and monitoring oversight of funds. The City will reserve as much as 7.5 percent of its total FY2011 ESG allocation for administrative costs.

An estimated 15 households will be assisted with the funds.

The purpose of this notice is to provide an opportunity for public comment on this amendment and the proposed amendment to the cities Portland and Gresham and Multnomah County Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan for FY 2011-2012.

The Consolidated Plan is a requirement of HUD as a condition of receiving certain federal funding. The Plan identifies the cities Portland and Gresham and Multnomah County's overall needs for affordable and supportive housing, homeless shelters and services for community and economic development, and for building public and private partnerships. The proposed program modification utilizing ESG funding will have no adverse impact on any projects and activities already a part of the One-Year Action Plan for FY 2011-2012. The provision of this opportunity for comment is in accordance with the Portland, Gresham and Multnomah County Consolidated Plan for substantive amendment to the Consolidated Plan.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Copies of the amendment will be available for review on April 13, 2012, through May 13, 2012, online at [www.portlandonline/phb/conplan](http://www.portlandonline/phb/conplan) and at the front desk located at the Portland Housing Bureau, 421 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 500, or by calling Ryan Deibert, Program Coordinator, at 503-823-2368. The location mentioned above is accessible to person with disabilities.

For additional information or to write comments, citizens should please contact the Portland Housing Bureau, Attention: Ryan Deibert, Program Coordinator, 421 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97204-1629 or send an email to: [ryan.deibert@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:ryan.deibert@portlandoregon.gov). Written comments should be received at the above address or email by May 13, 2012. If comments are received, they will be considered.

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