CITY OF PATERSON

NOTICE OF SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 2021, PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN

Annually, the City of Paterson receives entitlement funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and Homeless Emergency Solutions Grant (HESG) Programs. HUD requires that the City submit an Annual Action Plan every year.

The City was awarded \$5,301,454 in HOME-American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds in a one-time allocation from HUD, which requires a substantial amendment of the 2021 Action Plan.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at City Council Chambers Room, located at 155 Market Street, 3rd Floor. The public hearing will discuss the HOME-ARP allocation plan from eligible use activities to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability in the City. Public comments will be accepted during the hearing. The City will make efforts to provide reasonable accommodations to disabled members of the public in accessing the building for the meeting. The City will make efforts to provide translation assistance for public meetings and program information.

Federal HOME-ARP funding was created to assist individuals or households who are experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations. The initiative seeks to provide affordable rental housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and/or non-congregate shelter development, to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability. The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan defines the use of the HOME-ARP grant funds to address these needs within the HUD-approved eligible activities. Once the City receives approval from HUD of the Substantial Amendment of the 2021 Annual Action Plan, and completes the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan's associated consultation, public participation process, then the City will have the funds available for the proposed activities.

In accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Policy, the proposed Substantial Amendment is available for a fifteen-days (15) public comment period from October 1, 2022 to October 17, 2022. The Substantial Amendment will be available for public's review on the City's website at www.patersonnj.gov and the office of the Department of Community Development located at 125 Ellison Street, 2nd Floor, Paterson, NJ 07505.

Interested persons are encouraged to provide comments in writing to the attention of Director Barbara Blake-McLennon, Department of Community Development at the address shown above. All comments received by 12:00 noon on Monday, October 17, 2022. will be considered.

By order of:

André Sayegh, Mayor

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