

Notice of Public Comment Period and Public Hearing
Amendments to the Pima County FFY 2019 HUD Annual Action Plan and 2014 HUD Citizen Participation Plan

HUD has urged entitlement communities to use previously-allocated CDBG funds for prevention and response to community spread of COVID-19, and has provided waivers for expedited public processes and virtual meetings.

Pima County proposes to amend its FFY2019 Annual Action Plan to reprogram CDBG funds for this purpose and to amend its Citizen Participation Plan to allow for a minimum 5-day public notice and for virtual public meetings and hearings.

Pima County encourages residents, subrecipients and grantees, public agencies and other interested parties to review the amendments and submit comments. Amendments are available for public review and comment from **Tuesday, April 14, 2020** to **Monday, April 20, 2020** at the following website: <https://webcms.pima.gov/cms/one.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=12301>

Send written comments to:

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Tucson, AZ 85713
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Pima County will hold a virtual public hearing on April 21, 2020 at 9:00am, which can be viewed at: <https://webcms.pima.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=25931>

Si desea recibir esta información en español por favor llame Jennifer Felix al (520) 724-2464.

PUBLIC NOTICE

INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION AND REPAIR USING
A TIERED ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROTOCOL

Pima County
Community Development and Neighborhood Conservation
Kino Service Center
2797 East Ajo Way, 3rd Floor
Tucson, AZ. 85713

On or about April 22, 2020, the Pima County Community Development and Neighborhood Conservation Department (CDNC) will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development act of 1974, as amended, to undertake Home Rehabilitation in Pima County. These programs will be managed by Pima County and subrecipients selected in an open application process. Pima County Community Development and Neighborhood Conservation will offer program services through its county-wide Home Rehabilitation Program and Septic Program. Subrecipients who will offer program services include Habitat for Humanity Tucson, Community Home Repair Projects of Arizona, the Town of Marana, and the International Sonoran Desert Alliance. Each of these agencies offer a specific range of services which may or may not overlap and in areas of the County that may or may not overlap. All funding is directed toward unincorporated portions of Pima County and to low- moderate income households. Funded program services include: major, moderate, and minor home rehabilitation, emergency home repair, accessibility improvements, energy efficiency retrofits and weatherization, certain maintenance items, and septic repair or replacement. Funding is projected to be approximately \$5,135,000 over the five-year period 2020-2024 with a planned approximate 1400 home units addressed.

Areas considered eligible for program assistance are unincorporated Pima County including Pima County's CDBG Target Areas, the City of South Tucson, the Town of Marana, the Town of Sahuarita, and the Town of Oro Valley.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded from the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determination for this program is on file at Pima County CDNC, Kino Service Center, 2797 East Ajo Way, 3rd Floor, Tucson AZ 85713 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Pima County CDNC will use HUD's Tiered ERR format supplemented with additional site-specific reviews further addressing Historic Preservation, Explosive and Flammable Operations, Airport Clear Zones, Flood Insurance, and Toxic Substances and Hazardous Materials prior to approving any individual home activities.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Pima County

CDNC. All comments received by April 21, 2020 will be considered by the Pima County CDNC prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION: The Pima County CDNC certified to HUD that Daniel Tylutki in his capacity as Certifying Officer consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Pima County CDNC to use program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS: HUD accept objections to the Pima County CDNC Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date specified above or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Pima County CDNC; (b) the Pima County CDNC has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 or by CEQ regulations at 40 CFR 1500-1508, as applicable; (c) the Pima County CDNC has omitted one or more steps in the preparation, completion or publication of the Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Study per 24 CFR Subparts E, F OR G of Part 58, as applicable; (d) the grant recipient or other participant in the development process has committed funds for or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before release of funds and approval of the environmental certification; (e) another Federal, State, or local agency has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD/Arizona at 1 North Central Avenue, Ste. 600, Phoenix, AZ. 85004. Potential objectors should contact HUD/Arizona to verify the actual last day of the objection period.