NOTICE OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

(Revised 3/27/2020)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2020 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021)

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)

Cumberland County Community Development (CCCD) seeks qualified applicants to submit proposals for the following activities:

1.) Public Services: Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations and under certain conditions, units of local government. Eligible activities may include but are not limited to: (1) homeless / homeless prevention assistance; (2) job skills training and / or retention services; and (3) housing counseling (4) services for the youth, elderly, and disabled population.

2.) Public Facilities / Improvements: Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations and under certain conditions, units of local government. Funding can be provided for acquisition, rehabilitation, or construction of public facilities and / or improvements. Structures may include, but are not limited to shelters, transitional housing, community centers, and water/sewer.

3.) Affordable Housing Development: Eligible applicants include non-profit or for-profit entities. Preference will be given to qualified Community Housing Development Organizations and Community Based Development Organizations. Funding may be used for affordable housing activities to include construction of new units or rehabilitation of existing housing units. Applicants may propose units for sale or for rent and in any combination of single family or attached housing design.

4.) Economic Development: Eligible applicants include entities that will create or retain jobs for low/moderate income persons. Funding may be used to finance costs that include acquisition, construction or rehabilitation, site improvements, and purchase of machinery and equipment.

Proposed projects must be consistent with Cumberland County Community Development's 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan. The selected projects will be funded during the Program Year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Projects proposed for CDBG funds must meet one of HUD's three national objectives which consist of benefiting low- and moderate- income (LMI) persons; preventing or eliminating slum or blighted areas; or meeting an urgent need (as in a Presidentially declared disaster). Activities that serve primarily abused children, battered spouses, elderly persons, severely disabled adults, homeless persons, illiterate adults, persons living with AIDS and migrant farm workers are presumed to meet the LMI requirement.

Program/Project Location: Cumberland County (certain restrictions may apply).

Application Deadline (Extended): Monday, April 27, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Applications and submittal guidelines can be obtained via:

- Telephone request at 910-323-6112;
- E-mail request at <u>dtaylor@co.cumberland.nc.us;</u>
- <u>Cumberland County's Vendor Self Service (VSS) Website; or</u>
- <u>CCCD's Website;</u>

Income restrictions may apply. Funding provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Funding subject to change pending HUD's approved allocations and availability of grant funds.

Important Notice of Changes Related to COVID-19: Due to temporary operational changes, please contact CCCD office via email at <u>dtaylor@co.cumberland.nc.us</u> to indicate your intent to apply for funding. In the email, please provide your name, organization, email, telephone number, and the project type that you are applying for. In the event that CCCD determines, in its sole discretion, that it is necessary to revise any part of this notice, applications, and submittal guidelines, updated information will be posted at the Cumberland County's VSS website or CCCD's website. It is the responsibility of the proposer to check the website for any amendments or addendums related to this notice, applications, or guidelines.