

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
MARTIN COUNTY
FY 2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM**

The residents of Martin County are hereby informed that the County intends to apply to the North Carolina Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. Infrastructure, economic development, neighborhood revitalization and coronavirus assistance funds are available for projects that benefit low- and moderate- income (LMI) persons, prevent/eliminate slum and blight, or address an urgent need. The Martin County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 16 at 7 p.m. at Martin County Governmental Center, 305, East Main Street, Williamston, NC 27892 and virtually via Facebook Live.

The purpose of the public hearing is to explain the CDBG program and allow the residents of Martin County an opportunity to express their views concerning community development needs and priorities. Martin County proposes utilizing CDBG-CV funds as a public service activity through subsistence payments on behalf of Martin County's low- and moderate-income (LMI) residents, which account for 43.27% of its population. Through subsistence payments, funds can be used to provide up to six months of emergency payments on behalf of individuals or families, generally for the purpose of preventing homelessness. Utility payments are intended to prevent service disconnection and rent/mortgage payments are intended to prevent eviction. The County is requesting up to approximately \$900,000 of CDBG-CV funds (up to 100% of total project costs) from North Carolina Department of Commerce, with a potential local fund contribution. The project will provide direct benefit to verified LMI households, 100% of the CDBG funds will be used to benefit LMI persons.

Persons having any questions concerning the CDBG Program are urged to attend the virtual public hearing, make their views known, and submit oral/written comments. Residents will be able to leave comments by written method, virtual method, verbal method by contacting Jessica Godard, County Clerk at 252-789-4300 or martincounty@martincountyncgov.com. A public information file exists at Martin County Governmental Center and may be viewed upon request. For additional information or to submit written comments, please contact David Bone, County Manager, 305 East Main St, Williamston, NC 27892 or 252-789-4300 or martincounty@martincountync.gov. Comments should be postmarked no later than September 11, 2020 a written response will be made within 10 business days. The County does not discriminate based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, age, familial status, or political affiliation in the admission, access to, treatment or employment in the CDBG program and activities. Efforts will be made to minimize displacement during project implementation, and displacement assistance as necessary will be available. Persons with disabilities, limited English proficiency, or who otherwise require special accommodations should contact Jessica Godard, County Clerk, 252-789-4300, TDD 800-735-2962 (Relay Service at 711), at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Jessica Godard, County Clerk at 252-789-4300 or 305 East Main Street, Williamston, NC 27892 for accommodations for this request. Esta informacìon està disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo peticiòn. Por favor, pòngase en contacto con Jessica Godard, County Clerk al 252-789-4300 o en 305 East Main Street, Williamston, NC 27892 de alojamiento para esta solicitud.



Tommy Bowen, Chairman
