

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN for
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT and HOUSING in the CITY OF HICKORY
June 18, 2024 6:00 pm
Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building - City Council Chambers
76 North Center Street, Hickory

The City of Hickory will receive \$340,621 in 2024 through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and approximately \$25,000 in program income for a total of \$365,621. Funds will be used to develop stronger communities by providing decent housing, creating suitable living environments, and expanding economic opportunities, principally for people of low and moderate incomes. The City of Hickory's 5-Year Consolidated Plan for the Community Development Block Grant is the strategic vision for housing and community development needs within the City. The Annual Action Plan is a yearly update to the Consolidated Plan that sets priorities among these needs and determines the plan for use of available funds on a yearly basis. This provides for flexibility in determining priorities as the needs of the community change from year to year. The Annual Action Plan will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on or before July 5, 2024, as the City's strategy for administering 2024 federal funds for community development and housing.

This hearing provides you the opportunity to express your ideas about community development in the City of Hickory. The focus will be on the City's needs in housing, public facilities, and economic opportunities for its citizens. Information will be provided on the amount of assistance available in federal funds and the range of activities that will be undertaken. Your comments on the needs that should be addressed and how the City's programs should meet those needs will be considered as the City develops its Annual Action Plan for submission.

A draft copy of the City's Annual Action Plan will be available for a 30-day public comment period beginning May 16, 2024 in the Community Development Department, Office of Business Development at Hickory City Hall, 76 N. Center Street and on the City of Hickory website. The comment period will run from May 17 through June 18, 2024. Persons wishing to comment at the June 18th public hearing must bring a written copy of their comments for the record. Others may submit written comments no later than June 18th to Community Development Department, Office of Business Development, City of Hickory, at 76 North Center Street, PO Box 398, Hickory, NC 28603. The City's plan for providing opportunities for participation is available upon request.

The City of Hickory does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of its services as charged by the City Council of the City of Hickory. All meetings are held in accessible facilities. Any person with a disability needing special accommodations should contact the Community Development Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting. Non-English-speaking persons who require translation services should also make their request 48 hours in advance. If you have a question about the meetings or would like to request assistance, please call the Community Development Director at (828)323-7414 (voice) or (828)323-7438 (TDD).

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