

**COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT
PUBLIC NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFPs) FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2016-17**

The Columbus Consolidated Government receives federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and federal HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on an annual basis. By or before May 15, 2016, the City intends to allocate a portion of its CDBG Program funds to non-profit organizations for social (public) service programs to very low- and low-income residents of the community. The City also intends to allocate a portion of its HOME Program funds to non-profit or for-profit organizations for the provision of affordable housing programs and services, and the creation of affordable housing to its very low- and low-income residents.

Beginning in January 2016, the City will hold public meetings, accept proposals, and determine the allocation of CDBG Program and HOME Program funds in FY 2016-17, (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017). The City has established the top priority needs of the community in a five-year "Consolidated Plan". The current Plan includes the period beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2016. This Plan is required by HUD as a condition of receiving certain federal housing and community development funds. The Consolidated Plan has established the following groups as the most in need of assistance, in this order of priority: (1) Increase, Create, and Sustain Affordable Housing; (2) Reduce Homelessness; (3) Increase Suitable Living Environments; (4) Increase Public Services; and (5) Reduce Poverty/Expand Economic Opportunity.

At this time, the City invites organizations to submit proposals that address the highest priority needs in Columbus as adopted in the Consolidated Plan, through the delivery of appropriate services and programs. From the submitted proposals, the Columbus Consolidated Government, Community Reinvestment Division, members of the CDAC Board and City staff will recommend, and the City Council will approve, organizations to receive the City's CDBG Program and HOME Program funds, and provide programs and services with these funds.

The Request for Proposals are available for review at the following location: (1) Community Reinvestment Division, 420 10th Street, Government Annex Building, 2nd Floor, Columbus, Georgia (2) City's Web Page at: <http://www.columbusga.org/communityreinvestment>. Proposals submitted in response to this notice must be received by no later than 4:00 p. m. (EST) on Thursday, February 18, 2016. The City will not consider any proposal that is submitted after this deadline or that is substantially incomplete, with no exceptions.

The City will hold a mandatory proposal conference for prospective CDBG Program and HOME Program RFP respondents, and other interested parties on Wednesday, January 6, 2016 for the purpose of providing an overview of, and to respond to questions regarding, the RFPs as well as other HUD and City program requirements. In order for the City to accept and consider submitted RFPs, RFP respondents must attend one of two sessions scheduled to be held on January 6, 2016 in the 1st floor conference room at 420 10th Street, Government Annex Building, Columbus, Georgia, from 9:00 a. m. to 10:15 a. m. (CDBG), or from 10:30 a. m. to 12:00 p. m. (HOME). The presentation at 9 a.m. will be for public service grant applicants, and the presentation at 10:30 a.m. will be for HOME housing grant applicants. If there are any

questions concerning this public notice, contact: Laura Johnson, Community Reinvestment Division Manager, 420 10th Street, 2nd Floor, Columbus, Georgia 31901, (706) 225-3918 or lmccool@columbusga.org.

The Columbus Consolidated Government provides its programs and services in a non-discriminatory manner, and is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The Columbus Consolidated Government also encourages minority and women-owned businesses to submit bids and proposals for CDBG Program and HOME Program contracts.

For further information and for language translation services, contact the Community Reinvestment Division at (706) 653-4613. For further information on this public notice, the hearing-impaired may call the Georgia Relay Service at 7-1-1 or 1-800-225-0135 without a TTY/TDD, or 1-800-225-0056 with a TTY/TDD.

