

**JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSION, JEFFERSON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
FY 2017 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

Notice is hereby given by the Jefferson County Commission that it will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.**, prevailing time, in the County Commission meeting room located at the Old Charles Town Library, 200 E. Washington Street, Charles Town, West Virginia. The Jefferson County Commission Chambers are accessible to persons with physical disabilities. If special arrangements need to be made to accommodate citizens in order for them to participate in the public hearing, please call **Sandy Slusher McDonald, Deputy County Administrator, at 304-728-3284** to make those arrangements.

The purpose of this public hearing is to discuss the specific housing needs of Jefferson County, WV. The Jefferson County Commission is a member of the Eastern Panhandle HOME Consortium of West Virginia which consists of the City of Martinsburg, Berkeley County, part of Jefferson County and part of Morgan County, West Virginia. The HOME Consortium is eligible to receive a HOME Investment Partnership Grant in FY 2017. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will be notifying the City of Martinsburg in the future of the amount of HOME funds that will be available for FY 2017. In order to receive those funds, the member jurisdictions in the Eastern Panhandle HOME Consortium must develop a program for the use of HOME funds as a part of the City of Martinsburg's FY 2017 Consolidated Annual Action Plan. The HOME Consortium will be preparing their HOME Program and they intend to afford citizens, local agencies, and interested parties the opportunity to become involved in the planning process.

The following general types of activities are eligible for funding under the HOME program: Homeowner Rehabilitation, including repair, rehabilitation or reconstruction of owner occupied houses; Homebuyer Activities, including funds for purchase and/or rehabilitation of existing houses or new construction of houses for homebuyers; Rental Housing, including acquisition and/or rehabilitation of existing rental housing or new construction of rental housing; and Tenant Based Rental Assistance, including financial assistance for rent, security deposits and under certain conditions, utility deposits for tenants. All HOME funds must be used for persons and households that meet the HUD income guidelines and definition of low- and moderate-income.

Notice is also hereby given that the JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSION is accepting proposals for the use of its portion of the HOME Consortium funds for FY 2017 beginning January 12, 2017. Application packets, instructions and information are available on an open basis. All interested applicants are encouraged to contact the Jefferson County Commission office, in order to obtain the application packet and to address any questions. **Please contact Sandy Slusher McDonald at 124 E. Washington Street, Charles Town, WV 25414 or 304-728-3284.**

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend this public hearing and they will be given the opportunity to present oral or written testimony concerning the housing needs of Jefferson County and the use of HOME funds to address those needs. Written comments may be addressed to **Sandy Slusher McDonald, Deputy County Administrator, 124 E. Washington Street, Charles Town, WV 25414 or 304-728-3284**

Peter Onoszko, President
Jefferson County Commission