NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #2 AND 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE DRAFT 2020-2024 NEW MEXICO CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

The New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority (MFA) and the Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division (DFA) are seeking public comment on the DRAFT State of New Mexico 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Annual Action Plan. A thirty-day public comment period will begin on October 1, 2019 and end on October 31, 2019, and a public hearing on the drafts will be held on October 23, 2019. The Consolidated Plan is a five-year strategic plan that governs the administration of federal funding appropriated for housing and community development activities that benefit low-and moderate-income persons throughout the State of New Mexico. The 2020 Annual Action Plan is the first annual implementation plan under the State of New Mexico 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development.

Such federal funding includes the following programs: HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) and the Housing Trust Fund (HTF). The Consolidated Plan analyzes data and information supplied by residents and stakeholders to determine the short- and long-term needs in the state and provides a strategy for the investment of these federal funds. The state of New Mexico estimates receiving a total of \$55.4 million in CDBG funds, \$22.55 million in HOME funds, \$5.75 million in ESG funds, \$4.55 million in HOPWA funds and \$18.6 million in HTF funds during the five-year period of the Consolidated Plan beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2024. These funds may be used for activities including but not limited to public facilities and infrastructure improvements, affordable housing development and preservation, economic development, homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing and program administration. The 2020 Annual Action Plan outlines one-year goals for the period beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020 for approximately \$26.85 million of the federal funding, through the five federal programs listed. The HOME, ESG, HOPWA and HTF programs are administered by MFA, and the CDBG program is administered by DFA.

The combined draft 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Annual Action Plan will be available on October 1, 2019 at MFA's website at:

http://housingnm.org/resources/new-mexico-consolidated-plan

and at DFA's website at:

http://www.nmdfa.state.nm.us/Local Government.aspx.

If you are unable to download the draft Consolidated Plan and Action Plan, please contact MFA to request a copy (505-843-6880 or toll free 1-800-444-6880). A reasonable number of printed copies are also available at no charge at MFA's office at 344 4th Street SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102 and at DFA's office at 407 Galisteo Street, Santa Fe, NM 87501. Additionally, the documents can be provided in alternative formats (i.e., Braille/large print, audio tape) for the disabled and may also be translated into Spanish for Limited English Proficient (LEP) Spanish speaking persons, upon request.

Citizens, interested agencies, and for-profit and nonprofit organizations may attend a public hearing at the location below or via webcast at www.housingnm.org to provide comments on the draft 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Action Plan. (Although all comments will be heard, this public hearing will specifically focus on the Strategic Plan and Action Plan portions of the draft 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Action Plan).

October 23, 2019 at 5:00 pm New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority (MFA) 344 4th Street SW Albuquerque, NM 87102

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service, please contact Sabrina Su by phone: (505) 843-6880 or toll free 1-800-444-6880; fax: (505) 243-3289; e-mail: ssu@housingnm.org; or mail: New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority, 344 Fourth St. SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102.

Accommodations can be made within 48 hours' notice for non-English speaking participants and individuals with disabilities by calling 505-843-6880. All facilities are wheelchair accessible.

Citizens, interested agencies, and for-profit and nonprofit organizations may provide comments at any time during the thirty-day public comment period, which will begin on October 1, 2019 and end at 11:59 p.m. MDT, October 31, 2019. Written comments and/or questions may be directed to Sabrina Su by phone: (505) 843-6880 or toll free 1-800-444-6880; fax: (505) 243-3289; e-mail: ssu@housingnm.org; or mail: New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority, 344 Fourth St. SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102. After receipt of public comments, MFA staff will prepare a summary of all comments received in writing and, in cases where any citizens' views are not accepted, provide reasons for the decision. This documentation will be attached to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Action Plan that will be submitted to HUD on November 15, 2019 or at a later date as directed by HUD.

Final funding levels and goals described in the final 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Action Plan submitted to HUD may differ from the estimated funding levels and goals listed in the draft, which are based on estimates of the 2019 grants awarded by HUD. Funding levels and goals will be adjusted proportionally to account for any increase or decrease in funding availability. The final 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Action Plan approved by HUD will include final funding levels and goals and will be available on MFA's website at http://housingnm.org/resources/new-mexico-consolidated-plan and at DFA's website at http://www.nmdfa.state.nm.us/Local Government.aspx.