

Public Notice

The City of Houston (City), through its Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD), is making changes to its Affordable Home Development Program (AHDP) Guidelines. The objective of the City's AHDP is to provide funding for newly constructed, affordable single-family homes and/or infrastructure construction in Large Tract Developments throughout the City for Low, Moderate and Middle Income (LMMI) Households. Funding for this program is made available through Uptown TIRZ Series 2021 Affordable Home Funds to provide assistance to eligible developers and households. The changes to the Guidelines will be implemented in the following areas:

- Added Developer Partnership Pathways – two pathways to partner with Developers and award funds to accomplish the AHDP Objective;
 - Reimbursement of Development costs in the form of a forgivable loan that can be used for eligible costs.
 - Down Payment Assistance – The City will provide down payment assistance to qualified LMMI Homebuyers of Developer's homes in the development.
- Added Monitoring requirements
- Added property requirements
- Added Down Payment Assistance Pathway requirements.
- Clarifications and additions made to regulation considerations including but not limited to; Debarment, changes to record keeping, retention and file management, changes to access to records and changes to MWSBE and Pay or Play requirements.

The AHDP draft guidelines have been updated and may be viewed at:

- HCDD website – <http://houstontx.gov/housing/ahdp.html>
- HCDD Office – 2100 Travis Street, 9th Floor, Houston, TX 77002 (copies may be obtained at this location upon request)

The public has thirty (30) days to comment on this proposed item. The thirty-day period extends from Thursday, October 26, 2023, through Saturday, November 25, 2023. For additional information on this item, contact Metchm Lohoues-Washington at (832) 394-6180. Written comments can be submitted by email to Anne.Lohoues-Washington@houstontx.gov. Upon completion of the thirty-day public comment period, HCDD will take these guideline changes to City Council.

For specific questions or concerns about fair housing or landlord/tenant relations, please contact Yolanda Guess-Jeffries at (832) 394-6200 ext 5. For any information about our Complaints and Appeals Process, please access the following: <https://houstontx.gov/housing/complaints.html> and <https://houstontx.gov/housing/appeals.html>. For more information about HCDD and its programs, please access HCDD's website at www.houstontx.gov/housing.