

STATE OF MINNESOTA

Department of Employment and Economic Development

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency

Minnesota Department of Human Services

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS AND DRAFT AVAILABILITY

2009 ACTION PLAN OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA'S 2007-2011 CONSOLIDATED HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER) FOR 2008

The State of Minnesota announces its process for developing its 2009 Action Plan of the 2007-2011 Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan (Consolidated Plan), and the 2008 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The state encourages citizens to attend the public hearings and review and comment on the draft reports.

The Consolidated Plan is a report that the state submits annually to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order to receive federal housing and community development funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships, Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) programs. The Consolidated Plan examines the housing and community development needs of the state, sets priorities for allocation of the HUD funds, and establishes an annual Action Plan for meeting current and future needs in the coming year.

The state submits its CAPER to HUD annually as one of the conditions of receiving federal funds under the programs identified above. The CAPER provides information to measure the state's progress during the past year in meeting assistance goals and priorities identified in the Consolidated Plan. The CAPER includes a summary and analysis of progress

made on identified actions that state agencies have elected to undertake to affirmatively further fair housing and overcome impediments to fair housing.

The state will hold its first public hearing about the Action Plan on Wednesday, October 15, 2008, to gather citizen input on housing and community development needs and how federal funding should be allocated in the state. The hearing will be held at 5:00 p.m. at the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, 332 Minnesota Street, 2nd floor, St. Paul.

A second public hearing on the Action Plan will be held on Friday, December 5, 2008. This public hearing will be for review and comment on the draft Action Plan and will be held at 5:00 p.m. at the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, 332 Minnesota Street, 2nd floor, St. Paul. Call 1-800-657-3858 or (651) 259-7462, or TTY 1-800-282-5909 or (651) 296-3900 for more information about these hearings.

Drafts of the 2009 Action Plan and the CAPER for 2008 will be available for public review and comment between November 5, 2008, and the close of business December 8, 2008. The draft Action Plan and CAPER will be available on the Internet at www.mnhousing.gov and www.deed.state.mn.us and in state depositories identified in the Citizen Participation Plan, which may be viewed at the same internet locations. Hard copies of the Action Plan can be obtained by calling Gloria Stiehl, Department of Employment and Economic Development, 1-800-657-3858 or (651) 259-7462, or TTY 1-800-282-5909 or (651) 296-3900. Hard copies of the CAPER can be obtained by calling Minnesota Housing Finance Agency at 1-800-657-3769 or (651) 296-7608, or TTY (651) 297-2361.

Written public comments on the Action Plan can be submitted to:

Action Plan, Attn: Gloria Stiehl

Minnesota Department of Employment
and Economic Development
First National Bank Building
332 Minnesota Street, Suite E200
St. Paul, MN 55101-1351

Written comments may also be submitted by fax to (651) 296-1290 or by email to gloria.stiehl@state.mn.us. To ensure consideration of your comments, type “Action Plan” in the subject line of your e-mail.

Written public comments on the 2008 CAPER can be submitted to:

CAPER
Minnesota Housing Finance Agency
400 Sibley Street, Suite 300
St. Paul, MN 55101

Written comments may also be submitted by fax to (651) 296-8139 or by email to mn.housing@state.mn.us. To ensure consideration of your comments, type “CAPER” in the subject line of your e-mail.

The Action Plan and CAPER will be submitted to HUD on or before December 30, 2008. The state will consider any comments from individuals or groups received in writing or at public hearings. A summary of the written and public hearing comments and the state’s responses will be included in the final Action Plan.