

2014 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD NOTICE

In order to maintain its eligibility to administer certain federal funds for affordable housing and community development, New York State (NYS) must prepare an Annual Action Plan (AAP) and submit it to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. For one specific program year, the AAP describes the State's proposed use of available federal and other resources to address the priority needs and specific objectives in the Consolidated Plan; the State's method for distributing funds to local governments and not-for-profit organizations; and the geographic areas of the State to which it will direct assistance. **The AAP also describes NYS's planned use of approximately \$64 million in federal fiscal year 2014 funds for the: NYS Community Development Block Grant Program (\$42 million); HOME Investment Partnerships Program (\$15 million); Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program (\$2 million); and Emergency Solutions Grants Program (\$4.7 million).** NYS encourages public participation in the development of its AAP and invites interested persons to review and comment on the draft AAP for 2014 during an upcoming public comment period. **This 30-day public comment period will begin on Thursday, September 5, 2013 and extend through close of business on Friday, October 4, 2013. Beginning on September 5, 2013, NYS's draft AAP for 2014 may be viewed on and downloaded from the NYS Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) website at www.nyshcr.org. In addition, copies can be requested by e-mail (HCRConPln@nyshcr.org) or by calling (518) 474-8782. Comments should be mailed to: NYS HCR, Attention: Alison Russell, 38-40 State Street, Albany, NY 12207 or e-mailed to (HCRConPln@nyshcr.org). Comments must be received or postmarked by close of business Friday, October 4, 2013 .**