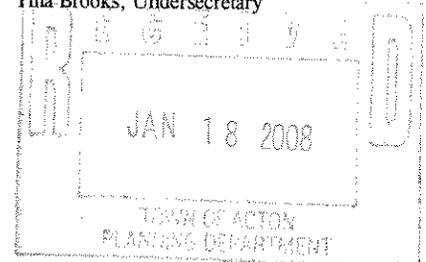


Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Deval L. Patrick, Governor ♦ Timothy P. Murray, Lt. Governor ♦ Tina Brooks, Undersecretary



January 9, 2008

Dear Colleague:

The Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has prepared the FY 2008 Action Plan Draft as required by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) of its grantees of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), the Emergency Services Grant (ESG), and the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) programs. The draft plans will be available for public review and comment during a 30-day period beginning January 11, 2008 and ending February 11, 2008.

A public hearing is required by federal regulations Title 24 Part 91. For the convenience of interested parties, DHCD will hold two public hearings during the public comment period. The first hearing will be on Thursday, January 31, 2008, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the Municipal Office Building Auditorium at 26 Central St. in West Springfield, MA. The second hearing will be on Friday, February 1, 2008, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM in Conference Room B at the office of DHCD, 100 Cambridge Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Boston, MA.. We will also accept written comments through February 11, 2008.

I am writing to inform you of the hearings on January 31<sup>st</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup> and to request your assistance in notifying members of your community and constituencies who might benefit from the above-named programs. Enclosed is a flyer, which we would ask that you post in a place where it can be seen by potential stakeholders of the programs listed above. Feel free to duplicate and include it in any mailings that would be received by your constituents before February 11, 2008. We would also encourage you to notify your membership and constituencies in any other way you think appropriate of this opportunity to provide input.

Beginning January 11, 2008 a draft of the FY 2008 Action Plan will be posted on DHCD's website at: <http://www.mass.gov/dhcd/>. Hard copies will be available at twenty locations across the Commonwealth; a list of these locations is enclosed and is available at: <http://www.mass.gov/dhcd/>. If you have any questions, please contact Patrick Hart at (617) 573-1102 or via email at [Patrick.hart@state.ma.us](mailto:Patrick.hart@state.ma.us). Thank you for your assistance. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Tina Brooks  
Undersecretary

Enclosures

# **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## **FISCAL YEAR 2008 ACTION PLAN**

In accordance with the provisions of Title 24 — Housing and Urban Development Part 91 – Consolidated Submissions for Community Planning and Development Programs notice is hereby given of the following proposed action to be undertaken by this Department.

During the period in which a draft of the above plans is available for public review, the Department of Housing and Community Development will hold the following public hearings and will be accepting written comments beginning January 11, 2008, to February 11, 2008 in connection with its draft Fiscal Year 2008 Action Plan for the following programs:

- **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program**
- **HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) program**
- **Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) program**
- **Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program**

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**Thursday, January 31, 2008 – 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

West Springfield Municipal Office Building Auditorium  
26 Central Street  
West Springfield, MA 01089

**Friday, February 1, 2008 – 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

Department of Housing and Community Development  
Second Floor Conference Room B  
100 Cambridge St.  
Boston, MA 02114

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At such time and place interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to present data, views, and verbal testimony relative to Housing and Community Development needs in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Written presentations may be made by directing the same to DHCD, 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 300, Boston, MA 02114 Attention: Patrick Hart.

Electronic draft plans and a list of where hard copies are located are available online at: <http://www.mass.gov/dhcd/>. Please direct questions to Patrick Hart at 617-573-1102 or [Patrick.hart@state.ma.us](mailto:Patrick.hart@state.ma.us).

# **Locations Where the Massachusetts FY 2008 Action Plan will be Available for Review**

Cape Cod Commission  
P.O. Box 226  
3225 Main St.  
Barnstable, MA 02630

Department of Housing and Community Development  
100 Cambridge St. Suite 300  
Boston, MA 02114

Executive Office of Health and Human Services  
1 Ashburton Place, Room 1109  
Boston, MA 02108

Boston Public Library  
700 Boylston St.  
Boston, MA 02116

MassHousing  
One Beacon St.  
Boston, MA 02108

Massachusetts Housing Partnership  
160 Federal St.  
Boston, MA 02110

Metropolitan Area Planning Council  
60 Temple Place  
Boston, MA 02111

Old Colony Planning Council  
70 School St.  
Brockton, MA 02301

Montachusett Regional Planning Commission  
R1427 Water St.  
Fitchburg, MA 01420

Franklin County Regional Council of Governments  
425 Main St. Suite 20  
Greenfield, MA 01301-3313

Merrimack Valley Planning Commission  
160 Main St.  
Haverhill, MA 01830

Northern Middlesex Council of Governments  
Gallagher Terminal  
115 Thorndike St. Floor 3B  
Lowell, MA 01852-3308

Nantucket Planning and Economic Development  
Commission  
One East Chestnut St.  
Nantucket, MA 02554

Martha's Vineyard Commission  
The Stone Building  
33 New York Ave.  
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission  
10 Fenn St. Suite 201  
Pittsfield, MA 01201-6629

Springfield Public Library  
220 State St.  
Springfield, MA 01103

Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic  
Development District  
88 Broadway  
Taunton, MA 02780

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission  
26 Central St. Suite 34  
West Springfield, MA 01089-2753

Central Massachusetts Regional Planning  
Commission  
35 Harvard St.  
Worcester, MA 01609

Worcester Public Library  
3 Salem Sq.  
Worcester, MA 01608