

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Charles County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., in a hybrid format, both virtually and in person at the Charles County Government Building, 200 Baltimore Street, La Plata, Maryland, to consider the proposed Community Development Block Grants.

In compliance with our CDBG Citizen Participation Plan, we are inviting public feedback on the following projects:

Application #1: Funds are being requested to acquire a residence designated as a domestic violence shelter for women in Charles County, Maryland.

Application #2: Funds are being requested to acquire land for an affordable housing development situated at the intersection of Oriole Lane and Magnolia Drive in La Plata, Maryland.

Individuals or representatives of groups wishing to make oral or written comments are encouraged to attend the hearing.

**In-person:** Speaker sign-up will begin 30 minutes (1/2 hour) prior to the hearing at the Charles County Government Building (200 Baltimore Street, La Plata) and will end at the commencement of the hearing.

**Virtually:** Call (240) 776-6709, between 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on May 7, 2024, to register to speak. Once registered, citizens will receive a virtual link to testify between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. after in-person speakers testify. If you are not available to speak when your name is called, we have the right to move on to the next caller. Each speaker will be allotted three (3) minutes.

Written or voicemail comments may be submitted in lieu of oral testimony, or to expand upon oral testimony, and will be accepted April 26, 2024, starting at 8:00 a.m. through May 7, 2024, 5:00 p.m.

**Phone message:** Call 301-645-0652

**Mail:** Commissioners of Charles County, 200 Baltimore Street, La Plata, Maryland 20646.

Comments sent by mail must be received no later than May 7, 2024.

**E-Comment:** <https://www.charlescountymd.gov/government/public-comments/public-hearing-comments/block-grant>

The Maryland Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program is a federally funded program designed to assist governments with activities directed toward neighborhood and housing revitalization, economic development, and improved community facilities and services. It is administered by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development.

The Maryland CDBG Program reflects the State's economic and community development priorities and provides public funds for activities which meet one of the following national objectives, in accordance with the federal Housing Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, that:

1. benefit to low and moderate income persons and households;
2. aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight;
3. meet other community development needs of an urgent nature, or that are an immediate threat to community health and welfare.

A Statement of Activity for Charles County's application has been prepared and will be available on our website at [www.charlescountymd.gov](http://www.charlescountymd.gov) from the date of this notice to May 7, 2024 and will also be available at the Charles County Department of Community Services by appointment from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Persons with questions, or requests for more information regarding this hearing, may contact Barbara Farmer at 301-934-0124.

Those citizens with special needs may contact Maryland Relay Service TDD 1-800-735-2258.

**BY ORDER OF THE CHARLES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Reuben B. Collins, II., Esq., President

In the event the notified meeting is canceled due to inclement weather or acts of nature beyond the control of the County, all items scheduled to be discussed or heard at the meeting will be rescheduled to a later date at 6:00 pm in the County Commissioners Meeting Room.

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Please publish one (1) time on Friday, April 26, 2024