

**NOTICE OF DRAFT
HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE FUND
PLAN AND PUBLIC HEARING**

The State of Connecticut Department of Housing (“DOH”) in collaboration with the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (“CHFA”) are seeking public input regarding a draft Homeowner Assistance Fund (“HAF”) Plan prior to submission to the United States Treasury Department of the final plan.

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARP”) established the HAF to mitigate financial hardships associated with the coronavirus pandemic (“COVID-19”).

Pursuant to ARP, the U.S. Treasury Department has allocated \$123,136,792.00 to the State of Connecticut for the purpose of preventing homeowner mortgage delinquencies, defaults, foreclosures, loss of utilities or home energy services, and displacements of homeowners experiencing financial hardship after January 21, 2020.

The ARP and guidance issued by the U.S. Treasury Department contain restrictions and requirements on the use of the HAF Funds. The State anticipates submitting a HAF Plan to the U.S. Treasury Department on or before October 15, 2021.

This notice is being published to afford interested persons the opportunity to comment on and provide input on the anticipated submission of the HAF Plan.

Interested persons can provide input presently and until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 17, 2021 by sending written comments to: PublicComment@chfa.org. (DOH and CHFA may in their discretion also consider input which is received after that date.)

A preliminary draft of the HAF Plan is available on CHFA’s website at www.chfa.org/haf/.

CHFA and DOH will also hold a public hearing on September 17, 2021 beginning at 10:00 a.m. This public hearing will take place telephonically and all are invited to participate by dialing (888) 330-1716. When prompted, enter the Access Code: 6880376.

Any member of the public who is seeking a physical location and electronic equipment necessary to attend the public hearing in real time must submit a written request to Amy Tibor at amy.tibor@chfa.org no later than September 16, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.