NOTICE FOR A HYBRID PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD Recovery Housing Program (RHP) Program 2025 Substantial Amendment

AGENCY: North Carolina Department of Commerce, Rural Economic Development Division (REDD)

ACTION: This notice serves as notification that the North Carolina Department of Commerce Rural Economic Development Division (REDD) will host an official hybrid public hearing regarding the State of North Carolin's draft RHP Program 2025 Substantial Amendment. This hearing is open to in-person and virtual attendance to all who wish to learn and provide input about the substantial amendment. The draft substantial amendment may receive several updates prior to submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The substantial amendment proposes to incorporate an additional allocation of approximately **\$1,166,440** into the State's current RHP Program to assist individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder (SUD) with stable, transitional housing while on the path to self-sufficiency.

SUMMARY: The RHP Program will provide funding to eligible applicants (County-Level or County's municipality designee) to provide stable, transitional housing for individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder across the State of North Carolina. The funding to individuals covers a period of not more than two years or until the individual secures permanent housing, whichever is earlier. The RHP Program has been authorized under Section 8071 of the Support for Patients and Communities (SUPPORT) Act. Funds made available through the RHP Program will be treated as Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and will be governed by the CDBG regulations.

AVAILABILITY OF REVIEW MATERIAL: A copy of the State of North Carolin's draft RHP Program 2025 Substantial Amendment is available for public review and download from the North Carolina Department of Commerce website (https://www.commerce.nc.gov/). Copies will also be available by request from the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Rural Economic Development Division (REDD). Contact Shycole Simpson-Carter by phone at (919) 814-4678 or by email at s.simpson-carter@commerce.nc.gov to receive copies.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Comments concerning the draft RHP Program 2025 Substantial Amendment should be made during the scheduled public comment period or hybrid public hearing. The scheduled comment period is from **Wednesday, July 23, 2025** to **Wednesday, August 6, 2025**. Written comments will be accepted until 5:00 pm EST on the closing comment date and may be made via email to <u>s.simpson-carter@commerce.nc.gov</u>, fax (919) 715-0567, or mailed to Shycole Simpson-Carter, Attn: Public Comment, Rural Economic Development Division, 4346 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-4346. Any comments submitted by mail that are received after the last day of the public comment period must bear a postmark dated on or before Wednesday, August 6, 2025 to be considered.

HYBRID PUBLIC HEARING: There will be only one official hybrid public hearing on **Wednesday**, July 30, 2025 at 10:00 am EST. Feel free to attend the meeting in person within Room 150 of the New Education Building in Downtown Raleigh, located at 301 North Wilmington Street, Raleigh, NC 27601. Also, participants can join the meeting virtually from their computer, tablet, or smartphone at <u>https://ncgov.webex.com/meet/s.simpson-carter</u>. When using a video conferencing system or application, join at <u>s.simpson-carter.ncgov@webex.com</u>. You can also dial in using your phone at 1-415-655-0003. The meeting access code is 2426 630 0127. Persons with disabilities or who otherwise need assistance should contact Tamisha Evans at <u>tamisha.evans@commerce.nc.gov</u> in advance of the hybrid public hearing. Accommodations will be made for all who request assistance with participating in the official hybrid public hearing by 5:00 pm EST, Thursday, July 24, 2025.

Si necesita esta información en español, por favor póngase en contacto con Shycole Simpson-Carter 919-814-4678.

