PY 2023 ACTION PLAN (July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024) ONE YEAR USE OF FUNDS SUMMARY AND 30-DAY COMMENT PERIOD CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

The City of Birmingham's Community Development Department is preparing for its Program Year (PY) 2023 application cycle and Public Hearing for its PY 2023 Action Plan in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) formula programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA).

The purpose of these programs is to coordinate effective neighborhood and community development strategies. Specific goals seek to benefit low and moderate-income persons, prevent or eliminate blight, provide decent affordable housing, or meeting an urgent community development need. Priority will be given to neighborhood revitalization, economic/workforce development, and homelessness prevention projects. Potential projects include, but are not limited to the following: increasing the availability of affordable housing, homebuyer counseling, economic development initiatives, youth educational and recreational opportunities, preventing homelessness and increasing access to quality public and private facilities. These projects must primarily benefit low and moderate-income persons and communities.

The initial Public Hearings for the PY 2023 Action Plan outlines the City's objectives and priorities for spending approximately \$9.6 million of PY 2023 funds. Public Hearings will be held in a virtual format on January 30, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. and in-person at Birmingham City Hall's Council Chambers, Third Floor on January 30, 2023 and February 1, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. The link to participate in the virtual public hearings will be made available on the City's website-Community Development Department webpage at www.birminghamal.gov/community-development by January 17th.

The PY 2023 Action Plan will be developed after considering citizen comments and proposals received at the Public Hearings conducted virtually by the City's Community Development Department on January 30, 2023, and February 1, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. and from the timely receipt of written comments and proposals received in the Community Development Department on or before March 2, 2023 at 4:00 pm.

You may send completed proposals (email preferred) and comments to the attention of:

Dr. Meghan Venable-Thomas, Director Community Development Department 710 North 20th Street Room 1000 - City Hall Birmingham, Alabama 35203 housingandcommunityinfo@birminghamal.gov At these public hearings, the application will be discussed in detail and potential applicants will have the opportunity to ask specific questions about proposed activities, funding priorities and process. Applications will be available on the City of Birmingham's website at www.birminghamal.gov/community-development beginning February 2, 2023.

Persons needing special assistance (such as translated materials or an application) or a reasonable accommodation to provide comments, please contact the City of Birmingham at housingandcommunityinfo@birminghamal.gov or Ms. Wendy Hicks at (205) 254-2309. Please include, "Request", in the e-mail subject line.