



April 6, 2020

Nadab O. Bynum, Director
Office of Community Planning and Development
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Philadelphia Field Office
Via: Electronic Mail: nadab.bynum@hud.gov

RE: COVID-19 Waivers of Program and Consolidated Plan Requirements
Request to Utilize Waiver Flexibility

Dear Mr. Bynum,

On behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development and its subgrantees and subrecipients, please accept this letter to serve as our formal request to utilize the waivers noted below and outlined in detail in Assistant Secretary John Gibbs's April 1, 2020 Memorandum.

Contact Information:

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Declared Disaster Area(s):	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Declared Disaster Area(s) Where the Waivers will be Used:	Pennsylvania-wide
Date of First Use of the Waiver Flexibility:	Wednesday, April 8, 2020

Waiver Flexibilities to Be Used:

- 8. Consolidated Planning – HOME, CDBG, HTF, ESG, and HOPWA Programs – Citizen Participation Public Comment Period for Consolidated Plan Amendment
- 9. Consolidated Planning – HOME, CDBG, HTF, ESG, and HOPWA Programs – Citizen Participation Reasonable Notice and Opportunity to Comment
- 11. ESG Program - Re-evaluations for Homelessness Prevention Assistance
- 12. ESG Program - Housing Stability Case Management
- 13. ESG Program - Restriction of Rental Assistance to Units with Rent at or Below FMR

Should it be deemed necessary for DCED to request waiver on the behalf of the Department of Health – HOPWA Program, DCED will seek to amend this request to include waiver flexibilities to be used. Following your review, should you have any questions or need for additional clarification, please contact me directly at (717)720-7315 or kapossinge@pa.gov.

Sincerely,

Kathy Possinger
Director

Cc: Xiaomin Cai, Senior CPD Representative