

**AMENDMENT TO CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN
IN RESPONSE TO FLEXIBILITIES PROVIDED BY THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF AND
ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT (CARES ACT)**

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) made available \$5 billion in supplemental CDBG funding for grants to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus (CDBG-CV grants). Additionally, the CARES Act provides CDBG grantees with flexibilities to expedite the use of CDBG-CV grants and fiscal years 2019 and 2020 CDBG Grants for coronavirus response.

One of the flexibilities provided in the CARES Act is the availability to amend citizen participation plans to establish expedited procedures to draft, propose, or amend consolidated plans including action plans. The flexibility allows for expedited procedures that must include notice and reasonable opportunity to comment of no less than 5 days (the 5-days may run concurrently for comments on the action plan amendment and amended citizen participation plans).

Flexibility further provides that in-person public hearings are not required. Hearings may be held by virtual means if: 1) national/local health authorities recommend social distancing and limiting public gatherings for public health reasons; and 2) virtual hearings provide reasonable notification and access for citizens in accordance with grantee's certifications, timely responses from local officials to all citizen questions and issues, and public access to all questions and responses.

Procedures for Amendments

The following process is established for the amendment of the Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) and/or Action Plan per the flexibilities provided by the CARES Act.

1. Amendments to the Citizen Participation Plan and Substantial Amendment to the Action Plan shall be announced in a local newspaper not less than 5-days before public hearing on such amendments. Ads must include:
 - the contents and purpose of the proposed amendment(s),
 - list of the locations where copies of the proposed amendments may be examined,
 - the amount of assistance the City expects to receive,
 - the range of activities to be undertaken,
 - the estimated amount that will be spent to benefit low and moderate income persons, and
 - Location and time of the public hearing.
2. Amendments to the CPP and Action Plan shall be made available for public comment for a period of not less than 5 days. All public comments received must receive a timely response and provided in submittal of the amendment to HUD.