

City of Moore, Oklahoma

Amendment to the Citizen Participation Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

For public comment April 28, 2020 through May 4, 2020

City of Moore, Capital Planning and Resiliency

On March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump signed a proclamation declaring the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak a national emergency beginning on March 1, 2020. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, was signed by President Trump on March 27, 2020, authorizing the allocation of funds to respond to the growing effects of this historic public health crisis. On April 2, 2020, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocated Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 (CDBG-CV) funds in the amount of \$200,472 to the City of Moore in order to assist in the prevention, preparation for, and response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

A memorandum was issued by HUD implementing the availability of waivers of certain regulatory requirements associated with several grant programs to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to facilitate assistance to eligible communities economically impacted. To allocate the CDBG-CV funds, a substantial amendment must be completed to the 2019 CDBG Action Plan. To complete a substantial amendment a 30 day comment period to allow citizens to provide any comments. However, in order to execute the amendment as quickly as possible, the regulatory 30 day comment period has been waived. The comment period for CDBG-CV funds is 5 days.

HUD has also waived the regulatory requirement for reasonable notice and opportunity to comment. As part of Moore's citizen participation plan, public notices shall be posted at the library and senior center, as well as the local newspaper, the city website, and social media. Because of the Shelter in Place order established by the Mayor, the library and senior center are currently closed. Public notices will not be posted at these locations. Citizens are encouraged to join public hearings virtually while the Shelter in Place order is in effect.

This amendment changes the public comment period from 30 days to 5 days. It also changes the reasonable notice and opportunity to comment requirement. Public notices are posted in the newspaper (*The Oklahoma and El Latino*), on the City's website (www.cityofmoore.com), and the City's social media. Comments will be accepted by phone, email, and at the virtual public hearing.