



Amendment to Adopted Citizen Participation Plan

In order to urgently and responsibly address the severe impact of Covid-19 on our residents and businesses, HUD has waived certain requirements for CDBG grantees that are currently set forth in the Adopted Citizen Participation Plan (attached). These waivers do not relax the requirement that grantees continue to use their ffy19 and ffy20 funding, as well as any COVID-19 related special awards, to meet the national objective to primarily assist low and moderate income persons.

In accordance with these waivers, the City of Gaithersburg hereby amends its 2015 Citizen Participation Plan as follows:

- Suspension of the requirement to hold in person public meetings, and allow grantees to hold “virtual” meetings and public hearings in which CDBG activities are to be discussed.

- Waiver of the 30-day minimum required public comment period for substantial amendments, provided that no less than five (5) days are provided for public comments on each substantial amendment. Any recipient wishing to undertake further amendments to prior year plans following the 2020 program year can do so during the development of its FY 2021 Annual Action Plan.

All other provisions of the Citizen Participation Plan remain in effect.

Unless otherwise extended by HUD, these waivers are in effect as of April 13, 2020 through the end of the 2020 program year.

Tony Tomasello
City Manager

Date

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