

City of Chula Vista

2015-2020 Citizen Participation Plan Amendment

The Consolidated Plan is a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirement for a city to receive federal Housing and Community Development funding. Each Consolidated Plan must contain a strategy for citizen participation in the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan process.

It is the policy of the City of Chula Vista to ensure adequate citizen involvement in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of its Housing and Community Development programs. This document outlines the City's plan for soliciting and receiving citizen input during preparation of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan covering the program years 2015 to 2019, and the individual Annual Action Plans during these same years. This Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) was drafted in accordance with Sections 91.100 and 91.105 of HUD's Consolidated Plan regulations.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ES-05 Executive Summary - 91.300(c), 91.320(b)

Introduction

On March 27, 2020 Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act or the "CARES Act". The Act identified additional funding for both the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to support preparation for and response to the community impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. HUD's distribution plan for the additional funding includes multiple phases that would allow for quick access to funding necessary to address the immediate crisis resulting from the rising pandemic, as well as phases that would support post-pandemic community recovery. An amendment to the City's 2015-2020 Citizen Participation Plan is necessary in order to expeditiously respond to the urgency of needs to further prevent and respond to the impacts of COVID-19. As outlined within the CARES Act, the following represents the amendments to the Citizen Participation Plan:

- Provide additional and flexible opportunities for members of the public to participate in the public comment process.
- Addition of a virtual public hearing option when onsite public hearings are deemed unsafe to conduct
- Reduction of the notice requirement for public hearings from thirty (30) days to five (5) days from the date of publication of a notice.