



PUBLIC NOTICE

AMENDMENT TO CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

The City of North Miami Needs Your Input!

Per federal regulations at 24 CFR 91.105, the City of North Miami must adopt a citizen participation plan (CPP) that sets forth its policies and procedures for citizen participation and gives its citizens "Reasonable Notice and Opportunity to Comment" on the management and use of federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program funds received from the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD). As part of the CPP, public meetings and a 30-day comment period are required to get citizen input.

As a result of the unprecedented coronavirus health crisis and its impact on the U.S. economy, Congress approved the *Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act* (CARES Act) (Public Law 116-136) and made available supplemental Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for grants to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus (CDBG-CV grants). The CARES Act also provides the City with the flexibility to make it easier to use CDBG-CV grants and fiscal years 2019 and 2020 CDBG grants for expeditious coronavirus response by authorizing HUD to grant waivers and alternative requirements for a specified period.

Due to the need for expediting funds distribution and national/local recommended social distancing guidelines and stay at home orders, HUD has authorized grantees such as the City to amend its CPP to establish expedited procedures and waive in-person public meetings. The CPP is hereby amended to include the following changes:

- Allow for a 5-day comment period on substantial amendments during the waiver period.
- Includes virtual hearings as an allowed citizen participation method for public meetings and focus groups. If virtual hearings are used, real-time responses must be facilitated and accommodations for persons with disabilities and/or with limited English proficiency will be made available to the greatest extent possible.
- Updates the types of declared disasters or emergency events to include terrorism and infectious diseases, such as the recent coronavirus 19 (COVID-19) pandemic, that may necessitate expedited substantial amendments.
- Provides details on possible actions, including reprogramming of funding and types of possible activities that may be undertaken in response to the declared disasters or emergency events such as COVID-19 pandemic.
- Includes provisions of Consolidated Plan citizen participation, Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership Program waivers under the CARES Act.
- Makes minor edits that do not change the current intent and policies of the CPP.

A copy of the amended CPP will be available for public review and comment at the Community Planning & Development Office at (12400 NE 8th Avenue, North Miami, FL 33161), City Hall Office at (776 NE 125 St, North Miami, FL 33161) and on the City's website for a period of five (5) days from May 4, 2020 to May 11, 2020. You may also contact the Housing and Social Services Department at 305-895-9895 or via e-mail to housing@northmiamifl.gov to request a copy.

Anyone wishing further information may write to:

City of North Miami
Housing and Social Services Department
Attn: Alberte Bazile, HSS Director
776 NE 125th St, North Miami, FL 33161

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA), OF 1990, ALL PERSONS REQUIRING A SPECIAL ACCOMODATION AT THIS MEETING BECAUSE OF A DISABILTY, PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT, OR ENGLISH LANGUAGE DEFICIEINCY, TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE MEETINS, SHOULD CONTACT THE DEPARMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, AT 305-895-9828

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