

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT ON
THE AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF OVERLAND PARK'S
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR THE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM**

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City of Overland Park
8500 Antioch Road
Overland Park, Kansas 66212

Notice is hereby given to all interested agencies, groups and residents of Overland Park of a proposed Amendment to the City's Citizen Participation Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. As part of the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the Citizen Participation Plan provides policies and procedures for citizen participation in the development and evaluation of program plans and performance reports.

Overland Park Planning and Development Services Department is requesting that the Governing Body of the City of Overland Park consider making an amendment to the Citizen Participation Plan to include flexibilities in requirements for Citizen Participation and Public Hearings for the use of 2019 and 2020 CDBG and CDBG-CV funding as they relate to response to the coronavirus pandemic.

The City's Citizen Participation Plan calls for a public comment period, beginning September 17, 2020 and ending October 01, 2020. The Governing Body of Overland Park will conduct a public hearing on the matter at its regularly scheduled meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 05, 2020 in Council Chambers, City Hall, 8500 Santa Fe Drive, Overland Park, KS 66212.

To reduce the spread of COVID19, social distancing guidelines will be followed at the meeting. There will be a limited seating in the Council Chambers for members of the public. The public is encouraged to view the live stream at opkansas.civicweb.net and selecting "Watch Live" or by viewing or listening to the meeting via an online virtual meeting tool.

Members of the public may participate in legally required public hearings or when invited by the Mayor to provide comments on an agenda item by 1) submitting written comments in advance of the meeting at the links provided on the agenda where public comments will be accepted or 2) providing comments via the on-line virtual meeting tool.

Persons who wish to appear before the Governing Body to provide in-person comments will be asked to abide by social distancing guidelines and, depending on the number of persons in attendance, may be asked to wait outside the Council Chamber until the item is being considered by the Governing Body.

The public is welcome to review the document at any of the locations listed below:

- City of Overland Park, City Clerk's Office: City Hall, 8500 Santa Fe Drive
- City of Overland Park, Community Services Office: Myron Scafe Building, 8500 Antioch Road
- City of Overland Park's website: www.opkansas.org

For questions regarding the proposed amendment, please contact:
Julie Smith, Grants Program Coordinator – 8500 Antioch Road – 913/895-6192

Written comments can be submitted to julie.smith@opkansas.org

OR

City of Overland Park - Neighborhood Services
8500 Antioch Road
Overland Park, KS 66212

Proposed Amendment to CDBG Citizen Participation Plan

The proposed amendment requests for the following language to be added to the City of Overland Park's Citizen Participation Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program:

J. CARES Act Amendment

The City of Overland Park received additional Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). The CARES Act provides regulatory flexibilities to make it easier to use CDBG and CDBG-CV (Coronavirus) during Program Years 2019 and 2020, which authorizes HUD to grant waivers and alternative requirements. This amendment to the Citizen Participation Plan addresses flexibilities in requirements for Citizen Participation and Public Hearings for FY2019 and 2020 CDBG and CDBG-CV funding.

Citizen Participation

The published public comment period pertaining to amendments to the Citizen Participation Plan, Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan(s) and Substantial Amendment(s), as they relate to CDBG-CV, shall be a minimum of 5 days. During this time, the public will have the opportunity to submit comments orally, in writing, or via electronic methods, as directed in the public notice. Comment periods for more than one of the above documents may run concurrently.

Public Hearings

Virtual public hearings are allowed under the following circumstances:

1. National/local health authorities recommend social distances and limited public gatherings for public health reasons;
2. Virtual hearings provide reasonable notification and access for citizens in accordance with the grantee's certifications, timely responses from local officials to all citizen questions and issues, and public access to all questions and responses.

A formal notice of the public hearing will be published in the official City newspaper no less than five days prior to the hearing. The same notice will be published to the City's website.