



2020 CARES Act Amendment to the City of Westminster Citizen Participation Plan
For Notification and Application of CDBG-CV Funding provided through the
The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) (Public Law 116-136)

The CARES Act makes available \$5 billion in supplemental Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for grants to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (CDBG-CV grants). Additionally, the CARES Act provides CDBG grantees with the flexibility to use CDBG-CV grants and fiscal years 2019 and 2020 CDBG Grants for coronavirus response and to expedite allocation of the CDBG-CV funds.

The CARES Act emergency action allows HUD to waive the normal 30-day public notice periods for any participating jurisdiction that is required to perform a substantial amendment to an Annual Action Plan as part of the CDBG-CV fund allocation process.

The City of Westminster will need to adopt a substantial amendment to the City's 2019 Annual Action Plan to accept and program the emergency CDBG-CV funding. A substantial amendment is defined in the City's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) as changes to the current program budget in excess of \$50,000. A copy of the City's Amended CPP is attached.

Public Notices of the proposed substantial amendment will be posted on the City's CDBG webpage:
<https://www.westminstereconomicdevelopment.org/housing/cdbg/>

As provided in the April 9, 2020 HUD Memorandum entitled, "CARES Act Flexibilities for CDBG Funds Used to Support Coronavirus Response and plan amendment waiver," it is required that any proposed amendment to the Five Year Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan for purposes of emergency response be made available to the public and that comments shall be received from citizens *for a period of not less than five days*.

The City will accept comments and input on the waived notification and the proposed substantial amendment from Monday, May 12 through Tuesday, May 19. Please submit your comments to:

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