

Public Comments Citizen Participation Component (from Executive Summary)
2015-2019 Consolidated Plan

STATE OF ILLINOIS PUBLIC NOTICE

Changes to the Citizen Participation Component of the Consolidated Plan;

Pursuant to applicable waivers granted by HUD through **the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)** to 24 CFR 91.05(c)(2) and subpart B of the federal regulations (relating to citizen participation for Community Planning and Development Programs), the State is amending the 2019 Annual Action Plan public participation process, and is announcing the proposal to expedite the Citizen Participation process available to the public via this notice. This change shortens the State's response time in meeting needs caused by the Corona Virus pandemic while ensuring public health.

Proposed Changes to 2019 Consolidated Plan (in highlight)

Changes

The following circumstances will trigger a substantial amendment to the Five Year Plan and subsequent Action Plans:

- (1) A major statutory change occurs in the enabling law which created the program that modifies the eligible types of applicants and/or the eligible types of activities which can be carried out, provided same were not at least partially eligible under the original statute and rules.
- (2) Major changes in the use of the four formula grant funds from one eligible activity (as identified in the Consolidated Plan) over the original planned use.
- (3) Other legislative or administrative actions that serve to significantly alter which agency(ies) are operating which existing, expanded, or new programs covered under the current (or potentially expanded) Consolidated Plan.
- (4) Major change(s) due to disaster and/or emergency funding, where timeliness in meeting emergency needs is a priority. The State will follow any HUD waiver(s) and guideline(s) to abridge and shorten the citizen participation component, such as reducing the duration of the public comments period, per official guidance; and in cases of public health emergency, the State will utilize alternate methods in lieu of holding in-person meetings and hearings.**
 - In any of the above cases, this citizen participation plan will require that public notification occur per the following: written notification to IHDA Board of Directors, OHCS Advisory Committee, State Agencies Housing Committee, and 32 other housing-related organizations, to inform them of the proposed amendment and provide for a 30-day public comments period; and publication of press releases and public notices, and mailings, as is appropriate, to affected parties.
- (5) The State shall consider all legitimate comments on the amendment, which are received in writing and orally at public hearings (if held) from the general public or units of general local government. A summary of those comments and the State responses to same will be attached to the substantial amendment, which the State will then forward to HUD for review and approval.

The State proposes the above revision of the Consolidated Plan's Citizen Participation Plan to include a 5-day comment period as well as other changes allowed by HUD waiver and guidelines. The revised Citizen Participation Plan will be available for review on IHDA's website at www.ihda.org on May 25, 2020

Written comments should be emailed to IHDA at bhughes@ihda.org

The 5-day public comments period for the 2019 APR will run from Monday, May 25, 2020 until Friday, May 29, 2020.