

Summary of Amendment to the Lehi City Community Development Block Grant FY2019 Annual Action Plan for CARES Act Funds and Revision of Citizen Participation Plan

Lehi is proposing a substantial amendment to the FY19 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan. This amendment will enable Lehi City to receive and administer a special allocation from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to Covid-19. This allocation was authorized by the CARES Act and includes \$283,259 under the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG-CV). The following project will be added to the annual action plan:

Parks and Recreation Facilities, \$283,259: Outdoor parks and recreation facilities to provide for outdoor fitness and recreation and social space that allows for social distancing.

Under a waiver from HUD, the City is providing a 5-day review and comment period. As part of this amendment, Lehi City has revised its CDBG Participation Plan to include the 5-day comment period as indicated above, as well as to make other changes. The revised Citizen Participation Plan is available for review on the Mountainland Association of Government's website at mountainland.org/lehicdbg.

The substantial amendment and citizen participation plan revision are available for review and comment from June 25 to June 29, 2021 mountainland.org/lehicdbg. The public is invited to participate in a public hearing to be held at 4pm on June 29, 2021. Per the governor's executive order to facilitate the ability of public bodies to conduct meetings electronically to slow the spread of Covid-19, the meeting will be available via Zoom Meeting:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77453935792?pwd=bEx0Q0NwdThCQ0lSaHFZMDU0dVhadz09>

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COVID-19 Citizen Participation Plan

Due to COVID-19, Lehi City CDBG program flexibilities and amendments to plans are requested. These flexibilities and amendments establish expedited procedures to draft, propose, or amend consolidated plans (including annual action plans) and citizen participation plans. The minimum 5-day public comment period cited below for substantial amendments may run concurrently with a minimum 5-day public comment period on amendments to the Lehi City CDBG Citizen Participation Plan as outlined in “CARES Act Flexibilities for CDBG Funds Used to Support Coronavirus Response” dated April 9, 2020.

Given the need to expedite actions to respond to COVID-19, HUD waives 24 CFR 91.105(c)(2) and (k), as specified below, in order to balance the need to respond quickly to the growing spread and effects of COVID-19 with the statutory requirement to provide reasonable notice and opportunity for citizens to comment on substantial amendments concerning the proposed uses of CDBG, HOME, HTF, HOPWA, or ESG funds.

The 30-day minimum required public comment period is waived for substantial amendments, provided that no less than 5 days are provided for public comments on each substantial amendment.

As noted above, the regulations at 24 CFR 91.105 set forth the citizen participation plan requirements for recipients. For substantial amendments to the consolidated plan, the regulations require the recipient to follow its citizen participation plan to provide citizens with reasonable notice and opportunity to comment. Lehi City’s CDBG Citizen Participation Plan states how reasonable notice and opportunity to comment are provided.

HUD recognizes the efforts to contain COVID-19 require limiting public gatherings, such as those often used to obtain citizen participation, and that there is a need to respond quickly to the growing spread and effects of COVID-19. Therefore, HUD has waived 24 CFR 91.105(c)(2) and (k) and 24 CFR 91.401 as specified below to allow *Utah County CDBG* to determine what constitutes reasonable notice and opportunity to comment given the circumstances related to COVID-19. Lehi City CDBG may use alternative methods for public participation and will allow for reasonable notification and access for citizens. This authority is in effect until Utah County Office of Public Health published notice that social distancing measures are no longer required.

Lehi City CDBG will implement a virtual public hearing process in order to comply with social distancing recommendations. Citizens will receive reasonable notice of these meetings through online posting on the Utah Public Notice website. Lehi City CDBG will provide the virtual public meeting through an online meeting platform, as well as timely response to any comments received by email within 24 hours.

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