

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

The following is a detailed citizen participation plan which:

1. Provides for and encourages citizen participation, with particular emphasis on participation by persons of low and moderate income who are residents of slum and blighted areas and of areas in which funds are proposed to be used, and provides participation of residents in low and moderate income neighborhoods as defined by the local jurisdiction;
2. Provides citizens with reasonable and timely access to local meetings, information, and records relating to the grantee's proposed use of funds, as required by the regulations of the Secretary, and relation to the actual use of funds under the Act;
3. Provides for technical assistance to groups representative of persons of low and moderate income that request such assistance to be determined by the grantee;
4. Provides for public hearings to obtain citizen views and to respond to proposals and questions at all stages of the community development program, including at least the development of needs, the review of proposed activities, and review of program performance, which hearings shall be held after adequate notice, at times and locations convenient to potential or actual beneficiaries, and with accommodation for the handicapped;
5. Provides for a timely written answer to written complaints and grievances, within fifteen (15) working days where practicable; and
6. Identifies how the needs of non-English speaking residents will be in the case of public hearings where a significant number of non-English speaking residents can be reasonably expected to participate.