

## Amendment to Rapid City's CDBG Resident Participation Plan due to COVID-19

The following language shall be added under Section XV. Emergency Projects

Due to COVID-19, 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 Rapid City's Resident 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. This waiver is in effect until March 31, 2021.

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. Rapid City's Resident 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 waives 24 CFR 91.105(c)(2) and (k) and 24 CFR 91.401 as specified below to allow Rapid City to determine what constitutes reasonable notice and opportunity to comment given the circumstances related to COVID-19. Rapid City may use alternative methods for public participation and will allow for reasonable notification and access for citizens. This authority is in effect until March 31, 2021.