

2019-20 Citizen Participation Plan Amendment

The City is amending the 2019-20 Participation Plan to ensure adequate engagement and involvement of the public in making decisions related to the 2019-20 Annual Action Plan and associated HUD funding and programs. The Citizen Participation Plan (CP Plan) is amended as a result of changes due to the CARES Act and to reflect recent HUD guidance. This document details how the City will engage residents and stakeholders in the development of planning documents required by HUD for its programs.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed into law on March 27th, 2020. As a result of the CARES Act, the City of Rochester has been approved for apply for the funds from for HUD community development formula grant programs for the 2019-20 program year, necessitating a Substantial Amendment to the 2019-20 Consolidated Community Plan/Annual Action Plan, as follows:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV)	\$4,881,038
Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG-CV)	\$2,444,707
Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA-CV)	\$142,029

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Mayor Lovely A. Warren has declared a State of Emergency for the City of Rochester and Governor Andrew M. Cuomo has issued a stay-at-home order for New York State residents. Therefore, the public's participation in the Public Hearing on the Substantial Amendment to the 2019-20 Consolidated Community Plan/Annual Action Plan will be conducted as follows:

- (1) On Friday May 1, 2020, the draft of the Substantial Amendment to the 2019-20 Consolidated Community Plan/Annual Action Plan proposed for Council approval will be posted on-line through the project webpage: <https://www.cityofrochester.gov/conplan>
- (2) A link to the Public Notice and Amended Annual Action Plan documents will be emailed to a list of over 400 local stakeholders, including staff of community organizations and agencies, neighborhood and business association leaders, and Rochester residents on Friday, May 1, 2020.
- (3) The public comment period shall be from May 1, 2020 through 5:00pm on May 6, 2020.
- (4) The City Council Public Hearing on these documents will be held on or after 5pm May 7, 2020, and can be streamed live on the Council's Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/RochesterCityCouncil/> or YouTube Page https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_U7nbtS5kEz4bjEM8AGXIQ?view_as=subscriber .
- (5) Individuals who would like to submit comments for the Public Hearing should email them directly to Amy Ventura, CDBG Coordinator, at Amy.Ventura@CityofRochester.gov or via U.S. Postal Service to her attention at c/o CARES Act Action Plan Amendment, City Hall Room 224B, 30 Church Street, Rochester, NY 14614. In order for a comment to be presented at the on-line public hearing, it must be received no later than 5:00pm on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 and be prefaced by the name and address of the commenting individual or organization. Each email comment shall also be prefaced with the topic "2019-20 Amended Annual Action Plan" in the subject line.
- (6) Each comment submitted in the above manner and received by Amy Ventura no later than 5:00pm on May 6, 2020 will be read into the record for up to 3 minutes of time on the live cast of the Public Hearing. In addition, the full text of the comment will be shared with the Council in advance of the Public Hearing.