

Citizen Participation Plan (2018) Amendment

The City of Buffalo has a Citizen Participation Plan that sets forth the City's policies and procedures for citizen participation in creating and amending its Consolidated Plan. The City is amending its Citizen Participation Plan to add a new section titled "In the Event of an Emergency." This section describes expedited procedures and alternate methods to provide for public participation during a declared disaster or emergency, and are the result of changes due to the CARES Act.

In the Event of an Emergency

In the event of a local, state or federally declared disaster or emergency, including the ongoing need to protect the public by practicing social distancing as part of the response and recovery to COVID-19, and while public places may be closed to the public or in-person participation may not be feasible or large gatherings may be considered a public health risk, the City of Buffalo may opt to conduct public hearings and meetings virtually via conference call or live web-streaming with the ability to ask questions and provide comment in real time. During these times notifications of public hearings and comment periods will be available at <https://www.buffalony.gov/324/Consolidated-Plan-Documents>. Accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and non-English speaking persons upon request, such as sign language or language interpretation services. These requests should be sent at least 24 hours in advance of a meeting to HUDAdministrator@city-buffalo.com. Documents may not be available for public review at 920 City Hall or the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library if those places are not accessible by the public. Copies of documents will be mailed or e-mailed upon request. Documents for public review will be shared via the City of Buffalo's website at <https://www.buffalony.gov/324/Consolidated-Plan-Documents>. Expedited citizen participation procedures, including notice and reasonable opportunity to comment of no less than 5 days for CDBG-CV and HOPWA-CV, will apply when permitted by HUD. Notifications will be sent to any individual or organization requesting to be included in the e-mail list announcing public hearings and meetings; to be included, email your request to HUDAdministrator@city-buffalo.com.