

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATION

The applicant assures and certifies that it has provided its citizens adequate opportunities to participate in the development of this proposal by:

- Holding at least two public hearings in the locality prior to the submission of the proposal, the first one for the purpose of obtaining the views of citizens on community development and housing needs and the second (held at least 7 days after the first) for the purpose of informing the public on the proposed CDBG project. Participation by low- and moderate-income residents and stakeholders in the project or service area and the community at large was encouraged. The hearings were held at times and locations convenient to potential beneficiaries and with accommodation for the disabled. Public input into the development of this proposal was obtained at hearings held on:

February 6, 2008 AND March 19, 2008 ;
(date) (date)

- Publishing a notice to advertise the public hearings and availability of proposal information at least 7 days prior to the dates of the hearings in the non-legal section of a NEWSPAPER of local general circulation and AT LEAST ONE OTHER TYPE OF ANNOUNCEMENT. The advertisements ran on:

January 21 & 28, 2008 AND March 3 & 10, 2008 ;
(date) (date)

Advertisements for the two public hearing must be published separately. Applicants may not only publish one advertisement that includes information on both public hearings.

- Maintaining files which contain documentary evidence that the hearings were held. These files must contain proof of publication of the hearing notices, written and/or recorded minutes of the hearings, and lists of citizens attending the hearings;
- Making CDBG program and proposal documentation available to the public for comment during regular office hours. This documentation should include the range of proposed activities, the estimated amounts of funding which will benefit low- and moderate-income persons, the plans to minimize displacement and provide displacement assistance where applicable, and a summary of the proposed application. This documentation should also include public information on any other CDBG project undertaken within the last 5 years;

- Providing technical assistance to groups representative of persons of low- and moderate-income that request such assistance in developing proposals for the use of CDBG funds, with the level and type of assistance determined by the locality;
- Providing timely written responses to written complaints and grievances, within 15 working days where practicable;
- Accommodating the needs of non-English speaking residents at public hearings where more than 5% of the attendees can be reasonably expected not to speak English; and,
- Adhering to the CDBG Citizen Participation Plan per the 2008 CDBG Program Design.

Chief Administrative Official

Robert W. Tucker, Jr
Name

County Executive
Title

Signature

Date

Attach original copies of all newspaper Public Hearing notices. Original notice copies should be clipped from the appropriate newspapers and attached with clear tape to 8 ½-inch x 11-inch white paper with the date of publication clearly visible. Photocopies should be made for other proposal copies

In Regional proposals, each participating locality must conduct two public hearings and the proposal must contain, from each participating locality, a signed copy of this page and copies of all newspaper advertisements. Again, originals in original copy and photocopies in other copies.