

## **Amendment to the City of Bellevue's Community Development Block Grant Citizen Participation Plan**

On March 27, 2020, the U.S. Congress passed The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (H.R. 748), also known as the CARES Act. The bill allocates \$5 billion in supplemental Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for grants to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (CDBG-CV).

The CARES Act provides that grantees may amend their Citizen Participation Plan to establish expedited procedures to amend Consolidated Plans and Annual Action Plans. These expedited procedures must include notice and reasonable opportunity to comment of no less than five days. The City of Bellevue has determined that, in order to more quickly address the effects of COVID-19, five days constitutes reasonable notice and opportunity for public comment on amendments to the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan.

The Citizen Participation Plan is amended to reflect the following changes:

### **Comment Period**

The comment periods for plans and reports are listed in the following table:

<b>Document</b>	<b>Comment Period</b>
Consolidated Plan & Annual Action Plan	5 calendar days
Substantial Amendment to Consolidated & Annual Action Plan	5 calendar days
Citizen Participation Plan	5 calendar days

### **Amendments to the Consolidated Plan**

Substantial amendments to the Consolidated Plan may be reviewed and approved by either the City Council or the Human Services Commission.

Minor amendments to the Consolidated Plan may be reviewed and approved by either the City Council or the Human Services Commission.

### **Amendments to the Annual Action Plan**

Substantial amendments to an Annual Action Plan may be reviewed and approved by either the City Council or the Human Services Commission.

Minor amendments to an Annual Action Plan may be reviewed and approved by either the City Council or the Human Services Commission.

### **Public Hearings**

The CARES Act states that in-person public hearings are not required. Grantees may meet public hearing requirements with virtual public hearings if: 1) national/local health authorities recommend social distancing and limiting public gatherings for public health reasons, and 2) virtual hearings

provide reasonable notification and access for citizens in accordance with the grantee's certifications, timely responses from local officials to all citizen questions and issues, and public access to all questions and responses. Bellevue's Citizen Participation Plan is amended to allow virtual public hearings as described above.

This amendment to the Citizen Participation Plan is in effect for as long as the waivers allowed by the CARES Act are in effect.