

Waver Applicability for Citizen Participation Public Comment Period for Consolidated Plans and Substantial Amendments

HUD Community Planning and Development Field Office released a memorandum on March 30, 2020 with a follow up memorandum April 9, 2020 outlining waver flexibilities for citizen participation requirements. These procedures outlined within the memorandum allow for the expedited expenditure of CDBG-CV grant funds and FY2019 and 2020 CDBG grants. In accordance with HUD guidance and to allow reasonable opportunity for the public to comment Monmouth County will lower the public comment periods for the FY2020 Consolidated Plan and Substantial Amendments to the FY2019 plan from 30 days to five days. Notice of public comment periods, and public hearings will be published in the Asbury Park Press and on the Monmouth County Office of Community Development. Public hearings for the Consolidated Plan will be held virtually under the following conditions: if national/local health authorities recommend social distancing and limiting public gatherings for public health reasons and virtual hearings provide reasonable notification and access for citizens to participate in the planning process.