

RESOLUTION 35-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PLANTERSVILLE, TEXAS ADOPTING A CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT MITIGATION METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION (CDBG-MIT MOD) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Plantersville find it necessary and essential to adopt Citizen Participation Plan, and

WHEREAS, Citizen Participation Plan will make citizen participation a standard practice which is required by Texas General Land Office, and

WHEREAS, Citizen Participation Plan is required for a municipality to follow to be eligible for certain grants and awards, and

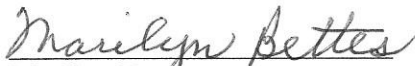
WHEREAS, such participation does not obligate nor imply that the City of Plantersville will contribute to the cost of the project in any way; and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PLANTERSVILLE, TEXAS, THAT:

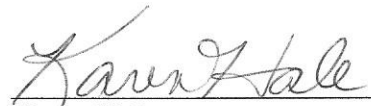
The City of Plantersville is adopting Citizen Participation Plan attached hereto as attachment A and incorporated herein for all purposes.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a vote of 6 "ayes" in favor and 0 "nays" against on the first and final reading on the 20th day of February, 2023.

ATTEST:


Marilyn Bettes
City Secretary

APPROVED:


Karen Hale
Mayor

**THE CITY OF PLANTERSVILLE
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN
TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE (GLO) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT MITIGATION METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION (CDBG-MIT MOD)
PROGRAM
RESOLUTION 35-23 ATTACHMENT A**

COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

These complaint procedures comply with the requirements of the Texas General Land Office (GLO) Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Method of Distribution (CDBG-MIT MOD) Program and Local Government Requirements found in 24 CFR §570.486 (Code of Federal Regulations). Citizens can obtain a copy of these procedures at the City of Plantersville, 11335 Lodge Lane, Plantersville, Texas 77363, 713-851-8304 during regular business hours.

Below are the formal complaint and grievance procedures regarding the services provided under the CDBG-MIT MOD project(s).

1. A person who has a complaint or grievance about any services or activities with respect to the CDBG-MIT MOD project(s), whether it is a proposed, ongoing, or completed CDBG-MIT MOD project(s), may during regular business hours submit such complaint or grievance, in writing to the Mayor, at 11335 Lodge Lane, Plantersville, Texas 77363 or may contact 713-851-8304.
2. A copy of the complaint or grievance shall be transmitted by the Mayor to the entity that is the subject of the complaint or grievance and to the City Attorney within five (5) working days after the date of the complaint or grievance was received.
3. The Mayor shall complete an investigation of the complaint or grievance, if practicable, and provide a timely written answer to person who made the complaint or grievance within ten (10) days.
4. If the investigation cannot be completed within ten (10) working days per 3 above, the person who made the grievance or complaint shall be notified, in writing, within fifteen (15) days where practicable after receipt of the original complaint or grievance and shall detail when the investigation should be completed.
5. If necessary, the grievance and a written copy of the subsequent investigation shall be forwarded to the CDBG-MIT MOD program for their further review and comment.
6. If appropriate, provide copies of grievance procedures and responses to grievances in both English and Spanish, or other appropriate language.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

When requested, the City shall provide technical assistance to groups that are representative of persons of low- and moderate-income in developing proposals for the use of CDBG-MIT MOD funds. The City, based upon the specific needs of the community's residents at the time of the request, shall determine the level and type of assistance.

PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS

The City shall provide for reasonable public notice, appraisal, examination and comment on the activities proposed for the use of CDBG-MIT MOD funds. These efforts shall include:

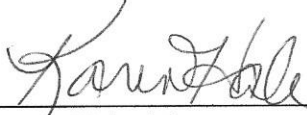
1. Provide for and encourage citizen participation, particularly by low and moderate income persons who reside in slum or blighted areas and areas in which CDBG-MIT MOD funds are proposed to be used;
2. Ensure that citizens will be given reasonable and timely access to local meetings, information, and records relating to an entity's proposed and actual use of CDBG-MIT MOD funds;
3. Furnish citizens information, including but not limited to:
 - a) the amount of CDBG-MIT MOD funds expected to be made available
 - b) the range of activities that may be undertaken with the CDBG-MIT MOD funds
 - c) the estimated amount of the CDBG-MIT MOD funds proposed to be used for activities that will meet the national objective of benefit to low- and moderate-income persons
 - d) if applicable, the proposed CDBG-MIT MOD activities likely to result in displacement and the entity's anti- displacement and relocation plan
4. Provide citizens with reasonable advance notice of, and opportunity to comment on, proposed activities in an application to the state and, for grants already made, activities which are proposed to be added, deleted or substantially changed from the entity's application to the state. Substantially changed means changes made in terms of purpose, scope, location or beneficiaries as defined by criteria established by the state; and
5. These outreach efforts may be accomplished through one or more of the following methods:
 - a) Publication of notice in a local newspaper—a published newspaper article may be used so long as it provides sufficient information regarding program activities and relevant dates;
 - b) Notices prominently posted in public buildings and distributed to local Public Housing Authorities and other interested community groups;
 - c) Posting of notice on the local entity website (if available);
 - d) Public Hearing; or
 - e) Individual notice to eligible cities and other entities as applicable using one or more of the following methods:
 - Certified mail
 - Electronic mail or fax
 - First-class (regular) mail
 - Personal delivery (e.g., at a Council of Governments [COG] meeting)

PUBLIC HEARING PROVISIONS (IF APPLICABLE)

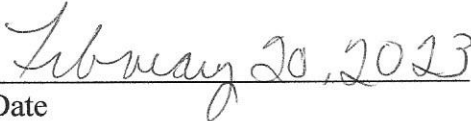
If a public hearing is scheduled and conducted by a CDBG-MIT MOD applicant or recipient, the following public hearing provisions shall be observed:

1. Furnish citizens information, including but not limited to:
 - (a) The amount of CDBG-MIT MOD funds available per application;
 - (b) The range of activities that may be undertaken with the CDBG-MIT MOD funds;
 - (c) The estimated amount of the CDBG-MIT MOD funds proposed to be used for activities that will meet the national objective of benefit to low- and moderate-income persons; and

- (d) The proposed CDBG-MIT MOD activities likely to result in displacement and the unit of general local government's antidisplacement and relocation plans required under 24 CFR 570.488.
2. Public notice of any hearings must be published at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the scheduled hearing. The public notice must be published in a local newspaper. Each public notice MUST include the DATE, TIME, LOCATION and TOPICS to be considered at the public hearing. A published newspaper article may also be used to meet this requirement so long as it meets all content and timing requirements. Notices should also be prominently posted in public buildings and distributed to local Public Housing Authorities and other interested community groups.
 3. Each public hearing shall be held at a time and location convenient to potential or actual beneficiaries and will include accommodation for persons with disabilities. Persons with disabilities must be able to attend the hearings and an applicant must make arrangements for individuals who require auxiliary aids or services if contacted at least two days prior to each hearing.
 4. When a considerable number of non-English speaking residents can be reasonably expected to participate in a public hearing, an interpreter will be present to accommodate the needs of the non-English speaking residents.
 5. Town may conduct a public hearing via webinar if they also follow the provisions above. If the webinar is used to conduct a public hearing, a physical location with associated reasonable accommodations must be made available for citizens to participate so as to ensure that those individuals without necessary technology are able to participate.
 6. If applicable, the locality must retain documentation of the hearing notice(s), attendance lists, minutes of the hearing(s), and any other records concerning the actual use of funds for a period of three years after the project is closed out. Such records must be made available to the public in accordance with Chapter 552, Government Code.



Karen Hale, Mayor
City of Plantersville



Date