

City of Newburgh
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Community Development Block Grant Program

CDBG

Citizen Participation Plan



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A. Introduction

Purpose

Pursuant to the citizen participation requirements of 24 CFR Section 91.105 and 24 CFR Part 5, City of Newburgh (“City”) sets forth the following Citizen Participation Plan (the “Plan”) as it relates to the administration of the grant programs funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), including:

- Community Development Block Program (CDBG)
- Any other grants that may be provided by HUD.

The Plan presents the City of Newburgh’s plan to provide opportunity for and encourage all citizens to participate in the development, revision, amendment, approval, and implementation of:

- The Citizen Participation Plan
- The Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH)
- The Consolidated Plan (CP)
- The Annual Action Plan (AAP)
- The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), and
- The Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program

Lead Agency

The City of Newburgh Department of Planning and Development is the lead agency responsible for the administration of the following HUD funded federal grant program:

- Community Development Block Program (CDBG)
- Any other grants that may be provided by HUD.

Effective Date

Subsequent to approval of this Citizen Participation Plan by the City of Newburgh City Council, the Plan shall be effective until it is amended or otherwise replaced.

B. Encouragement of Citizen Participation

General

The City of Newburgh provides for and encourages citizens to participate in the development, revision, amendment, approval, and implementation of the Citizen Participation Plan, the Assessment of Fair Housing, the Consolidated Plan, the Annual Action Plan, and the CAPER. The City of Newburgh encourages participation of people with low- and moderate-incomes, particularly by residents of predominantly low- and moderate- income neighborhoods as well as those living in areas designated as revitalization areas, in slum and blighted areas, and/or in areas where HUD funds are proposed to be used. With respect to the public participation initiatives included in this Plan, the City of Newburgh will take appropriate actions to encourage the participation of all its citizens, including minorities, people

with low and moderate incomes, non-English speaking people, and people with disabilities, as described below.

Non-English-Speaking People

The City of Newburgh utilized American Community Survey Data Tables # DP-1, DP02, DP05. Based on this data, the City of Newburgh meets the 1,000 or 5% LEP persons threshold for Spanish speakers.

The City of Newburgh will provide a Spanish interpretation services at City Council meetings where HUD programs are discussed. Meeting agendas, proposed plans and other meeting materials will be translated into Spanish.

People with Disabilities

To encourage the participation of people with disabilities, the City of Newburgh will include the following language in all of its public hearing notices published in the newspapers of record and La Voz newspaper/website.

“The City of Newburgh will make reasonable accommodations and services necessary for citizens with sensory-impairments and disabilities at the public hearing. Translation services may be offered upon request and availability. People requiring such accommodations/services should contact the City of Newburgh at least three working days in advance of the meeting. People requiring information in alternative formats should contact the City of Newburgh Department of Planning and Development, (845) 569-9400.”

The City of Newburgh will conduct all public hearings in locations that are accessible by people with disabilities, when available.

If requested, the City of Newburgh will mail copies of public hearing notices to people who are homebound and request such accommodation no less than seven days prior to the public meeting.

People with Low- and Moderate-Incomes

All citizens of the City of Newburgh, especially those of low and moderate income, are encouraged to participate in the CDBG program process. 73% of City of Newburgh residents are considered Low and Moderate Income Persons (2011-2015 American Community Survey [ACS]), with poverty concentrated mostly in the East End.

Organizations and Agencies

The City of Newburgh encourages the participation of local and regional institutions, the Continuum of Care, businesses, developers, nonprofit organizations, philanthropic organizations, broadband internet service providers, organizations engaged in narrowing the digital divide, agencies whose primary responsibilities include the management of flood prone areas, public land or water resources, emergency management agencies, and community-based and faith-based organizations in the process of developing, revising, amending, approving, and implementing all documents covered by this Plan. This will be achieved through stakeholder interviews, focus groups and/or public meetings.

Local Public Housing Agency

The City of Newburgh encourages, in consultation with the Public Housing Authority (PHA), the Newburgh Housing Authority (NHA), the participation of residents of Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers issued by the PHA, in the process of developing, revising, amending, approving, and implementing the documents covered by this Plan. The City of Newburgh will provide information to the Executive Director of the NHA about the Assessment of Fair Housing, its affirmatively furthering fair housing strategy, and Consolidated Plan activities related to housing developments and communities so the PHA can make this information available at the annual public hearings required for its Public Housing Agency Plan.

The City of Newburgh encourages participation by PHA stakeholders. This will be carried out by providing to the PHA information on public meetings, surveys and other outreach initiatives related to the documents covered by this Plan.

Public Notices

Public Meeting and document/comment review notices will be placed in the four (4) local newspapers:

- Orange County Post
- Hudson Valley Press
- Mid Hudson Times
- Times Herald Record

Meeting and document review notices will be placed in a local Spanish-Language publication:

- La Voz (either the monthly publication or on the La Voz website, in the event of an urgent notice.)

Public Hearings

All public hearings will be scheduled at times and locations that are convenient for potential and actual program beneficiaries, and with accommodation for people with disabilities and non-English Spanish speakers in accordance with this Plan.

Technical Assistance

When programs are available, the City of Newburgh Planning and Development staff are available to assist organizations representatives of people of low and moderate income and other eligible individuals interested in submitting a proposal to obtain funding through HUD funded Community Development programs. All potential applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the City of Newburgh Department of Planning and Development for technical assistance before initiating a funding request application.

Online Access

The City of Newburgh will post draft copies and final copies of all documents covered by this Plan on its website accessible at <https://www.cityofnewburgh-ny.gov/community-development>.

Other Engagement Techniques

This Plan may be amended as the City of Newburgh continues to gain access to technology that improves the avenues of participation by its residents.

City of Newburgh Contact

All communication regarding the Plan, the Assessment of Fair Housing, the Consolidated Plan, the Annual Action Plan, the CAPER, comments, complaints, reasonable accommodation for people with disabilities, translation services, or other elements shall be directed to:

City of Newburgh
Department of Planning and Development
83 Broadway
Newburgh, NY 12550

In the Event of Disaster or Emergency

In the event of a local, state or federally declared disaster or emergency where 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 Newburgh may opt to conduct public hearings and meetings virtually via conference call or live web-streaming with ability to ask questions and provide comment in real time. Accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities upon request, such as sign language or translation services. Documents for public review will be shared via the City of Newburgh's website. Copies of the document will may be mailed or e-mailed upon request. The public comment and display period for any Substantial Amendment will shall be no less than five (5) days.

C. The Citizen Participation Plan

Plan Development

The City of Newburgh shall implement the following procedure when amending its Citizen Participation Plan.

Public Review of the Draft Plan

The draft Citizen Participation Plan will be made available for public review for a 15-day period prior to the consideration and approval by the City of Newburgh City Council and may be done concurrently with the public review and comment process for the Consolidated Plan. Copies of the draft Citizen Participation Plan will be made available for review at the following locations:

City of Newburgh Department of Planning and Development Office
123 Grand St.
Newburgh, NY 12550

City of Newburgh Clerk's Office
83 Broadway
Newburgh, NY 12550

Newburgh Free Library
124 Grand St.
Newburgh, NY 12550

City of Newburgh website:
<https://www.cityofnewburgh-ny.gov/community-development>

Public Hearing

The City of Newburgh will conduct a public hearing to accept comments on the draft Citizen Participation Plan prior to its approval and submittal to HUD. This public hearing may be held concurrently with the public hearing held in conjunction with the Consolidated Plan.

Comments Received on the Draft Plan

Written comments will be accepted by the City of Newburgh, or a designee, during the 15-day public review period.

City of Newburgh Action

Following the public hearing, the Citizen Participation Plan will be presented to the City of Newburgh City Council for consideration and formal action. A summary of all written comments and those received orally during the public hearing, as well as the City of Newburgh's responses to all written comments, will be attached to the Citizen Participation Plan prior to submission to HUD.

Submission to HUD

The Citizen Participation Plan will be approved as a stand-alone document and submitted to HUD with a summary of all written comments and those received orally during the public hearing as well as the City of Newburgh's responses to written comments and proof of compliance with the 15-day public review and comment period requirement. A summary of any comments or views not accepted and the reasons for non-acceptance shall be supplied to HUD as well.

Amendments to the Approved Citizen Participation Plan

The City of Newburgh shall follow the following procedure to amend its approved Citizen Participation Plan, as needed.

Amendment Considerations

The City of Newburgh will amend the Plan, as necessary, to ensure adequate engagement and involvement of the public in making decisions related to its HUD funded programs. Substantial amendments to the Citizen Participation Plan may be required should a provision of the Plan be found by the City of Newburgh to conflict with HUD regulations, or when changes in HUD regulations occur. Edits to the Plan that only include updated contact information or editorial changes for clarity will not be released for public review and comment.

Draft Amended Citizen Participation Plan Review

The draft Amended Citizen Participation Plan will be made available for public review for a 15-day period prior to the City of Newburgh City Council's consideration and approval and may be done concurrently with the public review and comment process for the Consolidated Plan. Copies of the draft Amended Plan will be made available for review at the following locations:

City of Newburgh Department of Planning and Development Office
123 Grand St.
Newburgh, NY 12550

City of Newburgh Clerk's Office
83 Broadway
Newburgh, NY 12550

Newburgh Free Library
124 Grand St.
Newburgh, NY 12550

City of Newburgh website:
<https://www.cityofnewburgh-ny.gov/community-development>

Comments Received on Draft Amended Citizen Participation Plan

Written comments will be accepted by the City of Newburgh Department of Planning and Development, or a designee, during the 15-day public review period.

Public Hearing

The City of Newburgh will conduct a public hearing to review and accept public comments on the draft Amended Citizen Participation Plan prior to its approval and submittal to HUD. This public hearing may be held concurrently with the public hearing held in conjunction with the Consolidated Plan. In the event of a local, state or federally declared disaster or emergency where 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 Newburgh may opt to forgo the public hearing to review revisions to the Citizen Participation Plan.

City of Newburgh City Council Action

Following the public hearing, the Citizen Participation Plan will be presented to the City of Newburgh City Council for consideration and formal action.

Submission to HUD

A copy of the Amended Citizen Participation Plan, including a summary of all written comments and those received during the public hearing as well as the City of Newburgh's responses and proof of compliance with the minimum 15-day public review and comment period requirement, will be submitted to HUD. A summary of any comments or views not accepted and the reasons therefore shall be supplied to HUD as well.

Plan Access

The approved Amended Citizen Participation Plan will be kept on file at:
City of Newburgh Department of Planning and Development Office
123 Grand St.
Newburgh, NY 12550

City of Newburgh website:
<https://www.cityofnewburgh-ny.gov/community-development>

Hard copies can be made available to those requesting the approved Amended Citizen Participation Plan by contacting the City of Newburgh Department of Planning and Development, or a designee.

In the Event of Disaster or Emergency

In the event of a local, state or federally declared disaster or emergency where 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 Newburgh may opt to conduct public hearings and meetings virtually via conference call or live web-streaming with ability to ask questions and provide comment in real time. Accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities upon request, such as sign language or translation services. Documents for public review will be shared via the City of Newburgh's Website. Copies of the document may be mailed or e-mailed upon request. The public comment and display period for any Substantial Amendment will shall be no less than five (5) days.

D. The Consolidated Plan (CP)

Plan Development

The City of Newburgh will follow the process and procedures described below in the development of its Consolidated Plan (CP).

Stakeholder Consultation and Citizen Outreach

In the development of the CP, the City of Newburgh will consult with other public and private agencies including, but not limited to, the following:

- Newburgh Housing Authority
- Other assisted housing providers
- Social service providers including those focusing on services to people with low and moderate income, families with children, the elderly, people with disabilities, people with HIV/AIDS and their families, homeless people, and other protected classes
- Community-based and regionally-based organizations that represent protected class members and organizations that enforce fair housing laws
- Regional government agencies involved in metropolitan-wide planning and transportation responsibilities
- Broadband internet service providers and organizations engaged in narrowing the digital divide

- Agencies whose primary responsibilities include the management of flood prone areas, public land or water resources
- Emergency management agencies.

When preparing the portion of the CP concerning lead-based paint hazards, the City of Newburgh shall consult with local or state health and child welfare agencies and examine existing data related to lead-based paint hazards and poisonings, including health department data on the addresses of housing units in which children have been identified as lead-poisoned.

When preparing the description of priority non-housing community development needs, the City of Newburgh will notify adjacent units of local government, to the extent practicable.

A variety of mechanisms may be utilized to solicit input from these people/service providers/agencies/entities. These include written letters, telephone or in-person interviews, mail surveys, internet-based feedback and surveys, focus groups, and/or consultation workshops.

Public Hearings

The City of Newburgh will conduct at least two public hearings in the development of the CP. The first public hearing will be conducted before the draft CP is published for public comment, during which the City of Newburgh will address housing and community development needs, development of proposed activities, the amount of assistance the City of Newburgh expects to receive (including grant funds and program income), the range of activities that may be undertaken, including the estimated amount that will benefit low- and moderate-income residents, and a review of program performance.

The second public hearing will be conducted during or after the 30-day public comment period during which the City of Newburgh will address identified housing and community development needs, proposed eligible activities, and proposed strategies and actions for affirmatively furthering fair housing consistent with the Assessment of Fair Housing.

Potential Displacement of People

Although the City of Newburgh does not anticipate any residential displacement to occur in the foreseeable future, it is required to describe its plans to minimize the displacement of people and to assist any people displaced. When displacement is unavoidable on a temporary or permanent basis, the City of Newburgh will comply with the federal Uniform Relocation Act.

Should displacement of residents be necessary as a result of the use of funds covered by this Plan, the City of Newburgh shall compensate residents who are actually displaced in accordance with HUD Handbook No. 1378, Tenant Assistance, Relocation and Real Property Acquisition. This resource is accessible online at http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/hudclips/handbooks/cpd/13780.

Public Display and Comment Period

The draft CP will be placed on display for a period of no less than 30 days to encourage public review and comment. The public notice shall include a brief summary, description of the contents and purpose of the CP; the anticipated amounts of funding (including program income, if any); proposed activities likely to result in displacement, if any; plans for minimizing the displacement of people as a result of funded activities, if any; plans to assist people actually displaced by the project, if any; the dates of the public display and comment period; the locations where copies of the draft CP can be examined; how comments will be accepted; when the document will be considered for action by the City of Newburgh City Council; and, the anticipated submission date to HUD. Copies of the draft CP will be made available for review at the following locations:

City of Newburgh Department of Planning and Development Office
123 Grand St.
Newburgh, NY 12550

City of Newburgh Clerk's Office
83 Broadway
Newburgh, NY 12550

Newburgh Free Library
124 Grand St.
Newburgh, NY 12550

City of Newburgh website:
<https://www.cityofnewburgh-ny.gov/community-development>

In addition, the City of Newburgh will make available a reasonable number of free copies of the draft document to residents and groups that request them.

Comments Received on the Draft Consolidated Plan

Written comments will be accepted by the City of Newburgh Department of Planning and Development, or a designee, during the 30-day public display and comment period. The City of Newburgh will consider any comments or views of City of Newburgh residents received in writing, or orally at the public hearings, in preparing the final CP. A summary of these comments or views, and a summary of any comments or views not accepted and the reasons why, will be attached to the final CP for submission to HUD.

City of Newburgh City Council Action

Following the public hearing, the CP will be presented to the City of Newburgh City Council for consideration and formal action.

Submission to HUD

The CP will be submitted to HUD no less than 45 days before the start of the City of Newburgh's five-year program cycle.

In the Event of Disaster or Emergency

In the event of a local, state or federally declared disaster or emergency where 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 Newburgh may opt to conduct public hearings and meetings virtually via conference call or live web-streaming with ability to ask questions and provide comment in real time. Accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities upon request, such as sign language or translation services. Documents for public review will be shared via the City of Newburgh's Website. Copies of the document will may be mailed or e-mailed upon request. The public comment and display period for any Substantial Amendment will shall be no less than five (5) days.

Revisions to the Consolidated Plan

The City of Newburgh shall follow the following procedure to revise its CP, as needed.

Revision Considerations

There are two types of amendments that may occur with the CP: minor amendments and substantial amendments. An amendment to the approved CP will be considered substantial when there is a change in the needs, goals, or priorities identified in the CP.

All other changes that do not meet the criteria defined above will be considered minor amendments and will not be subject to public comments. These changes will be fully documented and approved by the City of Newburgh City Council. The City of Newburgh may choose to submit a copy of each amendment to the CP to HUD as it occurs, or at the end of the program year. Letters transmitting copies of amendments will be signed by the City of Newburgh City Manager or designee.

Public Display and Comment Period

The draft Revised CP will be placed on display for a period of no less than 30 days to encourage public review and comment. The public notice shall include a brief summary of the revisions, the dates of the public display and comment period, the locations where copies of the proposed revised CP can be examined, how comments will be accepted, when the document will be considered for action by the City of Newburgh City Council, and the anticipated submission date to HUD. Copies of the draft Revised CP will be made available for review at the following locations:

City of Newburgh Department of Planning and Development Office
123 Grand St.
Newburgh, NY 12550

City of Newburgh Clerk's Office
83 Broadway
Newburgh, NY 12550

Newburgh Free Library
124 Grand St.
Newburgh, NY 12550

City of Newburgh website:
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In addition, the City of Newburgh will make available a reasonable number of free copies to residents and groups that request them.

Comments Received on the Draft Revised Consolidated Plan

Written comments will be accepted by the City of Newburgh Department of Planning and Development, or a designee, during the 30-day public display and comment period. The City of Newburgh will consider any comments or views of City of Newburgh residents received in writing, or orally at public hearings, in preparing the final Revised CP. A summary of these comments or views, and a summary of any comments or views not accepted and the reasons why, will be attached to the final Revised CP for submission to HUD.

City of Newburgh City Council Action

Following the public hearing, the Revised CP will be presented to the City of Newburgh City Council for consideration and formal action.

Submission to HUD

The Revised CP will be submitted to HUD within 30 days following the end of the public display and comment period.

In the Event of a Disaster or Emergency

In the event of a local, state or federally declared disaster or emergency where program funds covered by this Plan may be expended to carry out eligible activities to address the City of Newburgh's disaster response, the City of Newburgh's requirements under this Plan will be streamlined to include:

- A 5-day public display and comment period to amend the CP.
- A minimum of one public hearing shall be held to receive comments on the Revised CP. The City of Newburgh may opt to conduct public hearings and meetings virtually via conference call or live web-streaming with ability to ask questions and provide comment in real time. Accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities upon request, such as sign language or translation services. Documents for public review will be shared via the City of Newburgh's website. Copies of the document will may be mailed or e-mailed upon request. The public comment and display period for any Substantial Amendment will shall be no less than five (5) days.
- Following the public hearing, the Revised CP will be presented to the City of Newburgh City Council for consideration and formal action.
- The Revised CP will be submitted to HUD upon approval of the City of Newburgh City Council.
- Documents for public review will be shared via the City of Newburgh's Website. Copies of the document will may be mailed or e-mailed upon request.

Plan Access

The Revised CP will be kept on file at the City of Newburgh Department of Planning and Development Office, 123 Grand St. Newburgh, NY 12550

The plan can be accessed online at <https://www.cityofnewburgh-ny.gov/community-development>

Hard copies can be made available to those requesting the Revised CP by contacting the City of Newburgh Department of Planning and Development, or a designee. In the event of a local, state or federally declared disaster or emergency, documents for public review will be shared via the City of Newburgh website. Copies of the document may be mailed or e-mailed upon request.

E. The Annual Action Plan (AAP)

The Annual Action Plan (AAP) is a component of the Consolidated Plan (CP), and it describes the City of Newburgh's proposed use of available federal and other resources to address the priority needs and specific objectives in the CP for each program year; the City of Newburgh's method for distributing funds to local municipalities; and, the geographic areas of the City of Newburgh to which it will direct assistance.

Plan Development

The City of Newburgh will follow the process and procedures described below in the development of its AAP.

Public Hearings

The City of Newburgh will conduct at least two public hearings during the development of the AAP to obtain residents' views and to respond to proposals and questions. The first public hearing will be conducted before the AAP draft is published for public comment. During the first public hearing the City of Newburgh will address housing and community development needs, development of proposed activities, the amount of assistance the City of Newburgh expects to receive (including grant funds and program income), the range of activities that may be undertaken, including the estimated amount that will benefit residents with low- and moderate-incomes, and a review of program performance.

The second public hearing will be conducted during or after the 30-day public comment period during which the City of Newburgh will address identified housing and community development needs, proposed eligible activities, and proposed strategies and actions for affirmatively furthering fair housing consistent with the Assessment of Fair Housing.

Citizen Advisory Committees

In the event that a Request for Proposal (RFP) is announced and RFPs are received by the City of Newburgh Department of Planning and Development, a review process is carried out whereby applications are ranked according to criteria outlined in the RFP. Planning and Development staff undertake an initial review of the RFP. The City of Newburgh CDBG Advisory Group members review the proposals. The CDBG Advisory Group then makes award recommendations to the City of Newburgh City

Council. The CDBG Advisory Group is comprised of residents in the City of Newburgh and the City of Newburgh Director of Community Development (or designee.)

Public Display and Comment Period

The draft AAP will be placed on display for a period of no less than 30 days to encourage public review and comment. The public notice shall include a brief summary of the AAP, the anticipated amounts of funding (including program income, if any), the dates of the public display and comment period, the locations where copies of the draft AAP can be examined, how comments will be accepted, when the document will be considered for action by the City of Newburgh City Council, and the anticipated submission date to HUD. Copies of the draft AAP will be made available for review at the following locations:

City of Newburgh Department of Planning and Development Office
123 Grand St.
Newburgh, NY 12550

City of Newburgh Clerk’s Office
83 Broadway
Newburgh, NY 12550

Newburgh Free Library
124 Grand St.
Newburgh, NY 12550

City of Newburgh website:
<https://www.cityofnewburgh-ny.gov/community-development>

In addition, the City of Newburgh will make available a reasonable number of free copies to residents and groups that request them.

Comments Received on the Draft Annual Action Plan

Written comments will be accepted by the City of Newburgh Department of Planning and Development, or a designee, during the 30-day public display and comment period. The City of Newburgh will consider any comments or views of City of Newburgh residents received in writing, or orally at the public hearings, in preparing the final AAP. A summary of these comments or views, and a summary of any comments or views not accepted and the reasons why, will be attached to the final AAP for submission to HUD.

City of Newburgh City Council Action

Following the public hearing, the AAP will be presented to the City of Newburgh City Council for consideration and formal action.

Submission to HUD

The AAP will be submitted to HUD no less than 45 days before the start of the City of Newburgh's annual program year.

Revisions to the Annual Action Plan

The City of Newburgh shall follow the following procedure to revise its AAP, as needed.

Revision Considerations

There are two types of amendments that may occur with the AAP: minor amendments and substantial amendments.

An amendment to the approved AAP is considered substantial whenever the City of Newburgh makes one of the following decisions:

- Make a change in its allocation priorities or a change in the method of distribution of funds;
- To carry out an activity, using funds from any program covered by the consolidated plan (including program income, reimbursements, repayment, recaptures, or reallocations from HUD), not previously described in the action plan; or
- To change the purpose, scope, location, or beneficiaries of an activity.

The following changes define a substantial amendment:

- Substantial changes in the CDBG plan that directly affects the City of Newburgh Consolidated Plan. For the Annual Action Plan, a substantial change would constitute a change of more than 25 % of the total grant award funding the activity.
- To carry out an activity, using funds from any program covered by the Consolidated Plan (including program income) not previously identified in the Plan.
- To change the purpose, scope, location, and beneficiaries from one eligible activity to another by more than 25% of the total funds previously authorized.

Changes that are not considered substantial amendments:

- Changes to the CDBG budget for a project by an amount that is less than 25%;
- Consolidated Plan data updates: Consolidated Plan data updates such as census data, income limits, and fair market rents, HOME high and low market rents, Home subsidy limits, and similar types of data shall not be considered a substantial amendment;
- Minor change in project location: A minor change in location on a specific property is not considered a substantial change as long as the purpose, scope, and intended beneficiaries remain essentially the same;
- Project Budget Line Item change: The transfer of some (but not all) funds within a project from one approved budget line item to another approved budget line.

All other changes to funding allocations or approved eligible activities that do not meet the criteria defined above will be considered minor amendments and will not be subject to public comments. These minor amendments will be fully documented and executed by the City of Newburgh City Council. The

City of Newburgh may choose to submit a copy of each amendment to the AAP to HUD as it occurs, or at the end of the program year. All amendments will be submitted to HUD for review via the IDIS.

Public Display and Comment Period

The draft Revised AAP will be placed on display for a period of no less than 30 days to encourage public review and comment. The public notice shall include a brief summary of the revisions, the dates of the public display and comment period, the locations where copies of the draft revised AAP can be examined, how comments will be accepted, when the document will be considered for action by the City of Newburgh City Council, and the anticipated submission date to HUD. Copies of the draft Revised AAP will be made available for review at the following locations:

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Newburgh, NY 12550

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83 Broadway
Newburgh, NY 12550

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124 Grand St.
Newburgh, NY 12550

City of Newburgh website:
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In addition, the City of Newburgh will make available a reasonable number of free copies to residents and groups that request them.

Comments Received on the Draft Revised Annual Action Plan

Written comments will be accepted by the City of Newburgh Department of Planning and Development, or a designee, during the 30-day public display and comment period. The City of Newburgh will consider any comments or views of City of Newburgh residents received in writing, or orally at public hearings, in preparing the final Revised AAP. A summary of these comments or views, and a summary of any comments or views not accepted and the reasons why, will be attached to the final Revised AAP for submission to HUD.

City of Newburgh City Council Action

Following the public hearing, the Revised AAP will be presented to the City of Newburgh City Council for consideration and formal action.

Submission to HUD

The Revised AAP will be submitted to HUD within 30 days following the end of the public display and comment period.

In the Event of a Disaster or Emergency

In the event of a local, state or federally declared disaster or emergency where program funds covered by this Plan may be expended to carry out eligible activities to address the City of Newburgh's disaster response, the City of Newburgh's requirements under this Plan will be streamlined to include:

- A 5-day public display and comment period to amend the CP.
- A minimum of one public hearing shall be held to receive comments on the Revised CP. The City of Newburgh may opt to conduct public hearings and meetings virtually via conference call or live web-streaming with ability to ask questions and provide comment in real time. Accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities upon request, such as sign language or translation services. Documents for public review will be shared via the City of Newburgh's Website. Copies of the document will may be mailed or e-mailed upon request. The public comment and display period for any Substantial Amendment will shall be no less than five (5) days.
- Citizens Advisory Group will not be required to review proposed amendments to the Plan.
- Following the public hearing, the Revised AAP will be presented to the City of Newburgh City Council for consideration and formal action.
- The Revised CP will be submitted to HUD upon approval of the City of Newburgh City Council.
- Documents for public review will be shared via the City of Newburghs Website. Copies of the document will may be mailed or e-mailed upon request.

Plan Access

The Annual Action Plan and any revisions will be kept on file at the City of Newburgh Department of Planning and Development, 123 Grand St., Newburgh NY 12550. The plan and revisions can be accessed online at: <https://www.cityofnewburgh-ny.gov/community-development>

Hard copies can be made available to those requesting the Revised AAP by contacting the City of Newburgh Department of Planning and Development, or a designee. In the event of disaster or emergency, documents will be made available on the City of Newburghs Website. Copies may be e-mailed or mailed upon request.

F. Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)

Report Development

The City of Newburgh shall follow the following procedure in the drafting and approval of its Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

Report Considerations

The City of Newburgh Department of Planning and Development will evaluate and report the accomplishments and expenditures of the previous program year and draft the CAPER in accordance with HUD requirements.

Public Display and Comment Period

The draft CAPER will be placed on display for a period of not less than 15 days to encourage public review and comment. Public notice of the display and comment period will be published in the Times Herald Record no less than two weeks before the period begins with accommodation for people with disabilities and non-English Spanish speakers in accordance with this Plan. The public notice shall include a brief summary and purpose of the CAPER, a summary of program expenditures, a summary of program performance, the dates of the public display and comment period, the locations where copies of the draft CAPER can be examined, how comments will be accepted, and the anticipated submission date to HUD. Copies of the draft CAPER will be made available for review at the following locations:

City of Newburgh Department of Planning and Development Office
123 Grand St.
Newburgh, NY 12550

City of Newburgh Clerk's Office
83 Broadway
Newburgh, NY 12550

Newburgh Free Library
124 Grand St.
Newburgh, NY 12550

City of Newburgh website:
<https://www.cityofnewburgh-ny.gov/community-development>

Comments Received on the Draft CAPER

Written comments will be accepted by the City of Newburgh Department of Planning and Development, or a designee, during the 15-day public display and comment period. The City of Newburgh will consider any comments or views of City of Newburgh residents received in writing while preparing the final CAPER. A summary of these comments or views, and a summary of any comments or views not accepted and the reasons why, will be attached to the final CAPER for submission to HUD.

Submission to HUD

The CAPER will be submitted to HUD within 90 days following the end of the City of Newburgh's annual program year.

Plan Access

The CAPER will be kept on file at the City of Newburgh Office of Planning and Development, 123 Grand St. Newburgh, NY 12550.

The CAPER can be accessed online at <https://www.cityofnewburgh-ny.gov/community-development>

In the Event of Disaster or Emergency

In the event of a local, state or federally declared disaster or emergency where public places may be closed to the public or in-person review of the CAPER may not be feasible or large gatherings may be considered a public health risk, the City of Newburgh will place documents for public review on its Website. Copies of the document will may be mailed or e-mailed upon request.

G. Section 108 Loan Assistance Guarantee Program

Development of Section 108 Loan Guarantee Application

Applications for assistance filed by the City of Newburgh for Section 108 Loan Guarantee assistance authorized under HUD regulation 24 CFR Part 570, Subpart M, are subject to all provisions set forth within this Plan. Such applications for Section 108 assistance may be included as part of the Consolidated Planning process or may be undertaken separately anytime during the City of Newburgh’s program year. Before the City of Newburgh submits an application for Section 108 loan guarantee assistance, the City of Newburgh will make available to citizens, public agencies and other interested parties information that includes the amount of assistance the City of Newburgh expects to be made available (including program income), the range of activities that may be undertaken, the estimated amount that will benefit people of low- and moderate-incomes, and any activities likely to result in displacement.

Public Display and Comment Period

The City of Newburgh will publish its proposed Section 108 loan application for review and comment. The public notice shall include a summary describing the contents and purpose of the application and listing the locations where the entire application may be examined. An application for Section 108 Loan Guarantee funding shall be made available for public review for a 30-day period prior to consideration and submission to HUD and may be done concurrently with the public review and comment process for the Consolidated Plan.

Copies of the proposed Section 108 loan application will be made available for review at the following locations:

City of Newburgh Department of Planning and Development Office
123 Grand St.
Newburgh, NY 12550

City of Newburgh Clerk’s Office
83 Broadway
Newburgh, NY 12550

Newburgh Free Library
124 Grand St.
Newburgh, NY 12550

City of Newburgh website:
<https://www.cityofnewburgh-ny.gov/community-development>

Comments Received on the Proposed Section 108 Application

Written comments will be accepted by the City of Newburgh Department of Planning and Development, or a designee, during the 30-day public display and comment period. The City of Newburgh will consider any comments or views of City of Newburgh residents received in writing in preparing the final application. A summary of these comments or views, and a summary of any comments or views not accepted and the reasons why, will be attached to the final application for submission to HUD.

Submission to HUD

The Section 108 Loan Application will be submitted to HUD.

H. Complaints

Residents may register complaints regarding any aspect of the HUD funded programs administered by the City of Newburgh Department of Planning and Development CDBG program by contacting the City of Newburgh Department of Planning and Development, or a designee. All written complaints received will be addressed in writing within 15 days.

Residents wishing to object to HUD approval of the final Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan or other documents identified in this plan may send written objections to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, New York State Office: Jacob K. Javits Federal Building, 26 Federal Plaza Room 3541, New York, NY 10278-0068.

Objections should be made within 30 days after the City of Newburgh has submitted the Consolidated Plan or other documents to HUD. Any objections made will only be submitted to HUD for the following reasons:

- The City of Newburgh's description of needs and objectives is plainly inconsistent with available facts and data.
- The activities to be undertaken are plainly inappropriate to meeting the needs and objectives identified by the City of Newburgh.
- The Annual Action Plan does not comply with the requirements of the CDBG program or other applicable laws.
- The Annual Action Plan proposed activities which are other-wise ineligible under the program regulations.

Objections shall include both an identification of requirements not met and available facts and data.