



# City of Harrisonburg, Virginia

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TO: Kurt Hodgen, City Manager  
FROM: Kristin McCombe  
DATE: 04/14/2016  
RE: CDBG Citizen Participation Plan Amendment

**Summary:** The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) has been amended to include the AFFH Final Rule requirements found at 24 CFR 91.105 and 24 CFR 5. These revisions reflect the City's requirement to prepare and submit an Assessment of Fair Housing no later than October 1, 2016. A Public Hearing on April 26th, followed by a ten day Public Comment Period will solicit residents' input.

### **Background:**

The Assessment of Fair Housing replaces the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (the AI) and will assist in fulfilling the City's obligation to affirmatively further fair housing as it relates to the CDBG program. In addition, other revisions were made to the Plan that specify how the City will develop, revise, amend, adopt and revise the documents required as an entitlement community designated by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD).

### **Key Issues:**

The CPP is available for review by request from Kristin McCombe or Ande Banks.

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**Environmental Impact:**

None

**Fiscal Impact:**

No direct impact

**Prior Actions:**

The last CPP was adopted in 2004.

**Alternatives:**

No Practicable alternatives

**Community Engagement:**

Notice was published in the DNR on 04/15/2016. The purpose of this amended CPP is to increase community engagement in the CDBG program.

**Recommendation:**

Hold Public Hearing and begin Public Comment Period

**Attachments:**

Public Hearing Notice

**Review:**

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