

City of Clinton

The City of Clinton intends to implement a citizen participation program for its 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application process to accomplish the following objectives:

A. Provide for and encourage citizen participation, particularly by low and moderate income persons who reside in areas where CDBG funds are proposed to be used. This will be accomplished by:

1. Providing frequent and timely public notice of CDBG program activities in the local newspaper or by posting at City Hall/County Courthouse.
2. Adopting a comprehensive CDBG Statement of Needs.
3. Conducting a Special Public Hearing to inform citizens of the proposed 2021 CDBG project and authorizing the Mayor to sign a CDBG application in a formal Council meeting.

B. Ensure that citizens will be given reasonable and timely access to local meetings, information, and records relating to proposed and actual use of funds, including, but not be limited to:

1. The amount of CDBG funds to be made available for the current fiscal year, if the proposed project is approved.
2. The range of activities that may be undertaken with those funds.
3. The estimated amount of those funds proposed to be used for activities that will benefit low and moderate income persons.
4. The proposed CDBG activities likely to result in displacement and any anti-displacement and relocation plans developed by City of Clinton in accordance with Section 104(d)(1) and (2) of the Act.
5. The basis on which City of Clinton may provide technical assistance to groups representative of persons of low and moderate income that may request assistance in developing proposals. The level and type of assistance to be provided is at the discretion of the City of Clinton and does not necessarily include providing funding to such groups.
6. This requirement will be accomplished by discussing the CDBG proposal during regular Council meetings and in one formal public hearing prior to the submittal of City of Clinton 2021 the CDBG application. During the hearing, the five (5) items listed above will be explained to the public. Records of the CDBG process will be maintained in the City Hall/County Courthouse of the City of Clinton by the Clerk and will be available upon request for review by the public. A brief summary of the proposed CDBG project will be available for public review after the Council has made its final selection.

C. Provide for a minimum of two (2) public hearings; one (1) prior to submission of the application for funding of the project for the purpose of obtaining citizen views and formulating or responding to proposals and questions, and the other at the end of the grant period if City of Clinton receives funding, that discusses the City of Clinton accomplishments in relation to initial plans. The application stage hearing will include discussion of CDBG needs and the development of activities being proposed for CDBG funding. There will be reasonable notice of all hearings, which will be scheduled for times and locations convenient to the potential and actual beneficiaries and which will accommodate the handicapped. Regularly scheduled Council meetings will not be used for this purpose.

