

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
PROPOSED SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT**

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN  
FOR  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS  
CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS**

The City of Springfield proposes to amend its 2025 Citizen Participation Plan (CPP May 2025).

The City seeks to amend the 2025 CPP to reflect the change in HOPWA funding received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the change to the citizen participation procedures.

This amendment will reflect the change in HOPWA funds. The City of Springfield will no longer receive HOPWA funding because the number of eligible people in our eligible metropolitan statistical area (EMSA) has dropped below the minimum threshold to receive a direct award of HOPWA funds. The program will be administered through the State.

The City of Springfield is also proposing a change to their citizen participation procedures and public notifications as it pertains to understanding citizen input. Pursuant to the citizen participation requirements of 24 CFR Section 91.105, the City of Springfield's Development Services Division sets forth the following Citizen Participation Plan as it relates to the consolidated planning process for housing and community development programs funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Citizen Participation Plan presents the City's plan for providing and encouraging all citizens, particularly low- and moderate- income citizens, to participate in the development and adoption of all plans.

Understanding the importance of citizen input, it is the City of Springfield's goal to encourage citizen participation in the development of its five-year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans, particularly from those citizens most affected by Community Development Programs. This Citizen Participation Plan establishes the policies and procedures that the City of Springfield will follow to ensure that participation is as comprehensive as possible to ensure participation from a wide array of residents.

To ensure that the City provides for maximum citizen participation, the City will always provide sufficient information to permit informed comment, and conduct hearings at times and locations convenient to potential and actual beneficiaries. In order to accomplish a robust citizen participation process, the City will:

- Notify, via direct mail, an extensive mailing list of all organizations and interested parties of the purpose, date, time and place of hearings, and inviting them to attend. Organizations are encouraged to invite persons that they serve.

- Notify, via direct mail, an extensive mailing list of organizations and interested parties notifying them of the period of review for the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plans, any substantial amendments and Performance Reports. The mailing will include the link of where these documents will be made available for review.
- Utilize the City of Springfield, Office of Communications to post notices on the City's website, Facebook and Twitter Accounts. The notices will include the dates of public hearings, periods of review, summaries of information, etc.
- A notice, in English and Spanish, will be placed on the Office of Community Developments website <https://www.springfield-ma.gov/comm-dev/> for DRAFT review and comment period meetings.
- Hearings will be conducted within CDBG target areas; where the majority of the funds are proposed, especially in the designated NRSA neighborhoods.
- The City will also increase its efforts to maintain communication with directors of programs to notify them of pertinent dates and presenting them with information.
- The documents, mailings and notices will be posted on the City of Springfield's Office of Community Development's website <https://www.springfield-ma.gov/comm-dev/>
- All documents will be made available to the public at no charge in English. Upon request, when feasible, and within a reasonable timeframe, the draft and approved plan will be made available in a manner accessible to other non-English speakers, or those with disabilities.

A public hearing will be held to obtain citizen comment on the DRAFT Citizen Participation Plan on Thursday, April 30, 2026 at 5:00 PM , Brightwood Library, 359 Plainfield Street.

The DRAFT Citizen Participation Plan will be available for public review on the Office of Community Developments website for a 30- day public comment period beginning April 16- May 15, 2026 <https://www.springfield-ma.gov/comm-dev/community-development>

Interested parties are invited to submit written comments. The deadline for comments is by 4:00 PM; May 15, 2026; comments can be directed to Lori Santaniello at [lsibilia@springfieldctiyhall.com](mailto:lsibilia@springfieldctiyhall.com) .

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