

PUBLIC NOTICE
Consolidated Plan Amendment for 2016-2020, Annual Action Plan Amendment for 2019 and Citizen Participation Plan Amendment

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS, GROUPS, AND AGENCIES

The City of Lawton's Housing and Community Development (HCD) division will receive input on the development of the city's Consolidated Plan Amendment for 2016-2020, Annual Action Plan Amendment for 2019 and Citizen Participation Plan Amendment beginning May 27, 2020. The office may receive input via email, in writing through the mail, in person at our office, or at two public hearings that are part of Lawton's citizen participation process in which provide Lawton's citizens opportunities to provide comments and suggestions for development of the plans.

Lawton's Consolidated Plan, originally approved on April 26, 2016, outlines the strategy for implementing local U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs and is the planning document for the city's community planning and development programs and its housing programs. The Consolidated Plan Amendment will add a Covid-19 project. The Action Plan, originally approved on April 23, 2019, is the annual submission and application for federal funding under HUD's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) programs which allocates available funds to community/neighborhood development projects and affordable housing projects for low- and moderate-income households. It is also the implementation plan for Lawton's Consolidated Plan. The Annual Action Plan Amendment will add a utility assistance program which will be funded through the CARES ACT. The Citizen Participation Plan outlines a process through which citizens may exercise their privilege to participate in the planning process to influence community development. The Citizen Participation Amendment reduces the public hearing notice requirement from ten days to five days.

Citizens and other parties interested in community/neighborhood development or affordable housing for low- and moderate-income households who want to participate in the consolidated planning process are encouraged to review the plans and provide this office with their comments. The Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, and Citizen Participation Plan Amendments will be on file at the following locations from May 27, 2020 through June 4, 2020: City of Lawton's website (www.lawtonok.gov), City Clerk's office located at City Hall, Housing & Community Development office within the Owens Multi-Purpose Center, Lawton Public Library, H.C. King Community Center, and Patterson Community Center.

The public hearings will be conducted at the meetings of the Lawton City Planning Commission on Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 1:30 P.M., and the Lawton City Council on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 6:00 P.M., in the City Council Auditorium. Participants will have the opportunity to provide comments and suggestions for

development of the plans.

Questions or comments may be emailed to housing@lawtonok.gov, directed to the Housing & Community Development office at (580) 581-3347, or submitted in writing to City of Lawton, HCD Office, 1405 SW 11th Street, Lawton, OK 73501.

**Amendments Scheduled for a Public Hearing on
June 4, 2020 and June 9, 2020**

Amendment to the Citizen Participation Plan

The current plan requires a public notice of at least fifteen (15) days for any substantial amendment to, or the adoption of, the Citizen Participation Plan, Consolidated Plan, or Annual Action Plan. On March 27, 2020, the CARES Act was approved in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and as a result, HUD has made several exceptions available in order for municipalities to respond quickly. One of the exceptions is to reduce the public hearing notice requirement to five (5) days. This Amendment will reduce the public hearing notice requirement to five days for amendments to the Citizen Participation Plan, Annual Action Plan for 2019, Consolidated Plan for 2016-2020, and Annual Action Plan for 2020 in response to the CARES Act

Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Plan for FFY 2016-2020

Proposed goal to be added to the plan:

Covid-19 Response Project-Provide funding for the management and implementation of programs needed due to the Covid-19 National Pandemic.

Substantial Amendment to the Annual Action Plan for FFY 2019

Proposed goal/project to be added to the plan:

Utility Assistance Project-Provide funding to the Lawton Housing Authority for the management and implementation of a utility assistance program that assists qualifying low-income households with utility assistance on past due utility accounts that are at risk of being disconnected.

- Enter into an agreement with Lawton Housing Authority for \$419,193.00 to provide utility assistance to approximately 2,000 households