

# Citizen Participation Plan 2021

FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

## What is it?

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Required by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

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Basic framework for public participation in the development of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan

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Sets *minimum* requirements for community engagement in when developing the Plans and evaluating progress made toward to community goals

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Also covers public access to records, public participation requirements during emergencies, and relocation policies for residents

# Required Items

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List of groups to be consulted for feedback

Two public hearings a year, one for the Annual Action Plan and one for the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report

Public comment period

Policy on how information will be made available

Policy for non-English language and disabled accessibility

Relocation Policy

- ❑ Previous Participation Plan was written in 2009
- ❑ New HUD guidance needed to be incorporated
- ❑ Communication technologies changed
- ❑ Community groups to consult needed to be updated

Why revise it?

# What's changed?

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Emergency procedures incorporated

List of stakeholders to be consulted updated

Inclusion of new communication methods

Relocation policies specified

Redundant information removed

# Who will be consulted?

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- ❑ City Boards and Commissions with an interest in housing issues or any of the special populations whose housing needs are addressed in the Consolidated Plan;
- ❑ Homeless shelters and/or service providers;
- ❑ Alexandria-based organizations representing or serving low-to moderate-income persons or persons with special needs throughout the City or expressly concerned with addressing the housing and community development needs of such persons;
- ❑ Regional organizations representing or serving low- to moderate-income persons or persons with special needs throughout the City or expressly concerned with addressing the housing and community development needs of such persons;
- ❑ Any other organizations with which the City deems necessary to consult on the Consolidated and/or Annual Plan.

**Organizations to be Consulted:**

ACT for Alexandria  
Affordable Housing Affordability Advisory Committee  
African Communities Together  
AHC, Inc.  
Alexandria Chapter of the NAACP  
Alexandria Commission for Women  
Alexandria Commission on Aging  
Alexandria Commission on Employment  
Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities  
Alexandria Community Policy and Management Team  
Alexandria Community Services Board  
Alexandria Community Shelter  
Alexandria Council of Human Service Organizations

Alexandria Economic Development Partnership  
Alexandria Housing Development Corporation  
Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority  
Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority Resident Council  
ALIVE!, Inc.  
Carpenter's Shelter  
Casa Chirilagua  
Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission  
Christ House  
Community Lodgings, Inc.  
Economic Opportunities Commission  
Friends of Guest House  
Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia

Homes for America, Inc.  
Legal Services of Northern Virginia  
Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance  
Northern Virginia Regional Commission  
Northern Virginia Urban League  
The Partnership to Prevent & End Homelessness  
Rebuilding Together Alexandria– D.C.  
Sheltered Homes of Alexandria  
Social Services Advisory Board  
Tenants and Workers United  
Wesley Housing Development Corporation  
*Others as appropriate*