

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
BUSINESS LOAN FUND**

FOR ARCHULETA, DOLORES, LA PLATA, MONTEZUMA, AND SAN JUAN COUNTY

Pursuant to Section 104(a)(3) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, this Citizen Participation Plan is hereby adopted to ensure that the citizens of Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan Counties, particularly persons of low and moderate income residing in slum and blight areas and in areas in which CDBG funds are proposed to be used, are provided the opportunity and encouraged to participate in the planning and implementation of CDBG-funded activities.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearings will be the primary means of obtaining citizen views and responding to proposals and questions related to community development and housing needs, proposed CDBG activities and past CDBG performance.

Prior to submitting a CDBG application to the State, La Plata County will conduct at least one public hearing to identify community development and housing needs, including the needs of low- and moderate-income persons, as well as other needs in the community that might be addressed through the CDBG program, and to review proposed CDBG activities and the past performance of Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan Counties in carrying out its CDBG responsibilities. In the event CDBG funds are granted by the State, La Plata County will conduct at least one additional public hearing to allow citizens to review and comment on its performance in carrying out its CDBG program.

A formal public notice will be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the jurisdiction's area at least five (5) days prior to the public hearings. In the case of a multi-jurisdictional application, all directly participating jurisdictions are required to publish a notice pertaining to the public hearing in at least one newspaper of general circulation in each jurisdiction and each participating jurisdiction is required to hold at least one public hearing. A public notice will also be posted in the La Plata County Courthouse and in other places frequented by the public, especially low- and moderate-income persons and persons benefiting from or affected by proposed CDBG activities. As circumstances warrant and as Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, and San Juan Counties determine necessary or appropriate, participation may additionally be specifically solicited from persons of low and moderate income, those benefiting from or affected by CDBG activities and/or representatives of such persons. Hearings will be held at times and locations convenient to potential and actual beneficiaries, and with accommodation for the handicapped. In the case of public hearings where a significant number of non-English speaking residents can be reasonably expected to participate, arrangements will be made to have an interpreter present.

PUBLIC INFORMATION AND RECORDS

Information and records regarding the proposed and past use of CDBG funds will be available during regular office hours at the offices of the Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado, 135 Burnett Drive, Unit 1, Durango, Colorado, 81301. The public will be so informed by public notice. Special communication aids can be made available to persons upon request.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, and San Juan Counties will provide technical assistance to groups' representative of persons of low and moderate income that request assistance in developing CDBG proposals. The level and type of assistance appropriate will be determined by Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, and San Juan Counties based on its ability to provide or arrange for such assistance, the cost of providing such assistance and other relevant factors.

WRITTEN COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, and San Juan Counties will respond to written complaints and grievances in writing in a timely manner. When practicable, such written responses shall be made within fifteen (15) working days.

NOTE: CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEES ARE NOT REQUIRED. IF ONE IS PROPOSED, HOWEVER, THE COMMITTEES' ROLE AND COMPOSITION SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THIS CP PLAN.

AGREED

(SEAL)

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