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CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

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 the Town of Pagosa Springs, 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, the Town of Pagosa Springs conducted a public hearing on February 5, 2019, 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 the Town of Pagosa Springs in carrying out its CDBG responsibilities. Associated with the CDBG grant award set forth in the June 21, 2019 letter from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs the post-award public hearing will be held on TBD, to allow citizens to review and comment on its performance in carrying out its CDBG program.

A formal public notice has or will be published in the Pagosa Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in the area at least five (5) days prior to such public hearings. A public notice has or will also be posted in the Town Hall 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 the Town of Pagosa Springs determines 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 at **Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Boulevard, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147** during regular office hours. The public will be so informed by public notice. Special communication aids can be made available to persons upon request.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The Town of Pagosa Springs 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 determine by the Town of Pagosa Springs 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

The Town of Pagosa Springs 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.



Don Volger, Mayor

9/19/19

Date
