

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
Transportation Cabinet

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – DISASTER RECOVERY
(CDBG-DR)

Introduction

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) is a subrecipient of the Commonwealth's CDBG-DR funding to support in the recovery from FEMA Disaster Declaration 4663. The CDBG-DR program is administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the KY Department for Local Government (DLG) is the primary grantee of these funds. As a subrecipient, KYTC will support the program implementation of the Commonwealth's infrastructure programs, as described in its Action Plan, which is posted on the DLG website: <https://dlg.ky.gov/grants/federal/DR/2022DR/Pages/default.aspx>. DLG has adopted and maintains a Citizen Participation Plan for all CDBG-DR funded programs to set forth the policies and procedures that will be used to solicit citizen's input for the planning, implementation, and assessment of the Commonwealth's CDBG-DR recovery program(s). The policies are designed to maximize the opportunity for citizen involvement in the community development process. This Kentucky Citizen Participation Plan for CDBG-DR Recovery can be found on the official website of the Department for Local Government at https://kydlgweb.ky.gov/FederalGrants/16_DRP.cfm.

The following KYTC Citizen Participation Plan details the efforts the Cabinet will take to facilitate public engagement and participation in the CDBG-DR project it is managing. The Commonwealth of Kentucky and KYTC encourages the participation of all Kentuckians, with emphasis on low- and moderate- income individuals, and access by non-English speaking or those requiring special options due to disabilities, and in CDBG-DR targeted communities. Information on KYTC's CDBG-DR project, including this Citizen Participation Plan, can be found on the KYTC website here: <https://transportation.ky.gov/Construction-Procurement/Pages/CDBG-DR.aspx>.

Program Description

KYTC has received \$7,863,386 from DLG to carry out the project titled "Chestnut Ridge Access Road and Subdivision Streets". This project will be located in Knott County, KY and will consist of the construction of access and subdivision roadway, curb and gutters, sidewalks, and stormwater detention basins to serve the new Chestnut Ridge Housing Development.

Public Hearings and Public Comments

As a subrecipient of CDBG-DR funds, KYTC is required to hold a minimum of two public hearings, each at a different stage of the program, for the purpose of obtaining residents' views and responding to proposals and questions. Together the hearings must cover community development and housing needs (including affirmatively furthering fair housing), development of proposed activities, and a review of program performance.

The first public hearing to cover community development and housing needs was already held prior to the submission of an application to the Commonwealth. The second public hearing will be held towards the end of the project life cycle to review program performance and will be advertised via public notice.

There must be reasonable notice of the hearings and they must be held at times and accessible

locations convenient to potential or actual beneficiaries, with accommodations for persons with disabilities. Public hearings shall be conducted in a manner to meet the needs of non-English speaking residents where a significant number of non-English speaking residents can reasonably be expected to participate.

KYTC will respond to any written comments that are received during the public hearing process, and will, at a minimum, indicate comments were considered, cite reasons for rejection, if applicable, and file comments and responses in the citizen participation file.

In the event that KYTC must amend or substantially change the purpose, scope, location, or beneficiaries of the Chestnut Ridge Road project, it will provide citizens with reasonable advance notice of, and opportunity to comment on activities which are proposed to be added, deleted or substantially changed from the original application to the Commonwealth.

Public Notice

Public hearings will be publicized via public notice, which must not run less than seven nor more than 21 days prior to the hearing. All advertisements shall be published, pursuant to KRS 424.120, in the newspaper of largest bona fide paid circulation that publishes in the publication area. A newspaper is considered to “publish” in the publication area only if maintains its principal office in the publication area. “Publication area” means “the city, county, district, or other local area for which an advertisement is required by law to be made.”

Complaints

For complaints from citizens related to the Chestnut Ridge Access Road project, KYTC will address written complaints within fifteen (15) working days where practicable. Written complaints should be submitted via email to Adam.Knuckles@ky.gov or mailed to:

Name: KYTC State Highway Engineer’s Office Attn: Adam Knuckles
Address: 200 Mero Street Frankfort, Kentucky 40622
Phone Number: (502) 229-6766

A copy and/or summary of the citizen complaints received by KYTC will be forwarded to the Department for Local Government. The complainant must be made aware that if she or he is not satisfied with the response, a written complaint may be filed directly with the Department for Local Government.

All citizen complaints relative to Fair Housing/Equal Opportunity violations involving discrimination will be forwarded to the Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General, Division on Civil Rights. To file a fair housing complaint in Kentucky, please contact:

Name: Kentucky Commission on Human Rights
Address: 332 W. Broadway, Suite 1400, Louisville, Kentucky 40202
Main Line: (502) 595-4024
Main Fax: (502) 696-5230
Email: kchr.mail@ky.gov

Complaints regarding accessibility can be reported to the Commonwealth 504 Coordinator. Plan publication efforts must meet the effective communications requirements of 24 CFR 8.6 and other fair housing and civil rights requirements, such as the effective communication requirements under

the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Complaints regarding fraud, waste, or abuse of government funds will be forwarded to the HUD
OIG Fraud Hotline (phone: 1-800-347-3735, for Federal Relay 1-800-877- 8339 or email:
hotline@hudoig.gov)