

Town of Amite City

Clearance Program Citizen Participation Plan FY 2027

First public hearing will be held Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 5pm at Town of Amite City Hall, 212 E. Oak Street, Amite, La. 70422

The **Town of Amite City** has adopted the following Citizen Participation Plan to meet the citizen participation requirements of Section 508 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. The **Town of Amite City** is committed through adoption of this plan to full and total involvement of all residents of the community in the composition, implementation, and assessment of its Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program. Attempts will be made to reach all citizens, with particular emphasis on participation by persons of low and moderate incomes, residents of slum and blighted areas and of areas in which funds are proposed to be used. A copy of this plan will be made available to the public upon request.

Town of Amite City is requesting your participation and input so that our plan reflects the views of our citizens.

As part of the citizen participation requirements and to maximize citizen interaction, the **Town of Amite City** shall:

1. Provide citizens with reasonable and timely access to local meetings, information and records relating to the State's proposed method of distribution, as required by the Secretary, and relating to the actual use of funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended;
2. Provide for public hearings to obtain views and respond to proposals and questions at all stages of the community development program. These hearings will consist of the development of needs and proposed activities and review of program performance. These hearings will be held after adequate notice, a minimum of five calendar days, at times and locations convenient to potential or actual beneficiaries with accommodations for persons with disabilities;
3. Provide for and encourage citizen participation with particular emphasis on participation by persons of low and moderate income who are residents of slum and blighted areas and of areas in which funds are proposed to be used;
4. Provide technical assistance to groups representative of persons of low and moderate income that request such assistance in developing proposals;
5. Where applicable, identify how the needs of non-English speaking residents will be met in the case of public hearings; and
6. Provide for a formal written procedure which will accommodate a timely-written response, within fifteen days where practicable, to written complaints and grievances.

Written minutes of the hearings and an attendance roster will be maintained by the **Town Clerk**.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notices informing citizens of any public hearings will appear in the official journal of the

The Hammond Star a minimum of five calendar days prior to the hearing. In addition, notices will also be posted on the **Town of Amite City's** Facebook page and website, in (parish office buildings/town hall) and the hearing will be publicized through local community organizations, i.e., churches, clubs, etc., and/or dissemination of leaflets in the target area. Hearings will be held in person and live streamed at least once through Facebook at times and locations convenient to potential or actual beneficiaries with accommodations for individuals with disabilities and non-English speaking persons. Whenever possible these hearings will be held within or near the target areas, at times affording participation by the most affected residents. All citizens, whether attending virtually or in person, will be instructed on how to submit views and proposals.

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I. APPLICATION:

Public Notice/Hearing

- A. The public hearing to address LCDBG application submittal will be held approximately 114 calendar days prior to the deadline for submission of the application for the current funding cycle. The Citizen Participation Plan will be available at the hearing. The public notice for this hearing will state that the following will be discussed:
 1. The amount of funds available for proposed community development is \$500,000 dollars;
 2. The range of activities that may be undertaken include eliminate slum and blight conditions, improve neighborhood safety, and create opportunities for future redevelopment where deteriorated structures pose risks to residents. The estimated amount proposed to be used for activities that will benefit persons of low and moderate income is \$500,000 dollars;
 3. The plans of the **Town of Amite City** for minimizing displacement of persons as a result of activities assisted with such funds and the benefits to be provided by the **Town of Amite City** to persons actually displaced as a result of such activities; and
 4. The prior performance of LCDBG programs funded by the State of Louisiana.

In addition, low and moderate income residents of slum and blighted areas are encouraged to submit their views and proposals regarding community development and housing needs. Those citizens unable to attend this hearing may submit their views and proposals to:

Town of Amite City
Attention: Town Clerk
212 E. Oak Street
Amite City, Louisiana 70422

Accommodations will be made for disabled and non-English speaking individuals provided a 2 day notice is received by the Town Clerk. Other discussions will include Program Amendment Procedures, Consideration of Objection to the Application, and a Complaint Procedure.

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Cost of Notice: \$33.80