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Agency's Evaluation of Public Comments

A 30-day public comment period was provided for the 2025 Annual Action Plan, and plan attachments. Notice of the public comment period was published in Oregon media outlets of general circulation, distributed by email to interested parties and posted on the OHCS website in compliance with Oregon's 2021-2025 Citizen Participation Plan. OHCS held a Public Hearing on July 10, 2025, and no comments were received.

The opportunity for Citizen Participation is a critically important aspect in the development of an Annual Action Plan and OHCS received no public comment during the public comment period and the public hearing.

Business Oregon held a public comment period on the 2025 Method of Distribution from February 19, 2025, through March 22, 2025. Business Oregon received one comment during the public comment period which we responded to appropriately. Comments and response may be accessed through the following link:

https://www.oregon.gov/biz/programs/CDBG/Pages/public_comment_2025.aspx

COMMENTS received from Business Oregon's MOD Public Hearing:

The policies contained in that document are based on the previous presidential administration and do not reflect the rules and policies of the current presidential administration, and that of the US supreme court.

Specifically, all affirmative action and race based policies are explicitly forbidden as a form of disparate treatment based on immutable characteristics, and therefore funds dispersed in violation of those rules is inherently fraudulent.

moreover the mandatory and superfluous reporting on the race of facility users violates their rights to privacy, and also facilitates the use of race as a criteria for objective measurement, as an unwritten policy or practice of the government.

RESPONSE:

Per the US HUD Website on 3/27/2025 – “The US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program provides annual grants on a formula basis to states, cities, and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. The program is authorized under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as amended 42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.”

The State of Oregon is operating the program in accordance with HUD's federal laws and regulations for the CDBG Programs.

