

EXHIBIT 8
Public Hearing Documentation

INSTRUCTIONS: A public hearing is required as part of the joint application process. Please use the template on the following page in creating the official notice. At this hearing, the Applicant must convey specific federal program (e.g., CDBG-DR, HOME, HTF/HOME-ARP) requirements and related project issues. For example, if taxes or user charges will need to be increased as part of financing the project, it is especially important that residents understand the necessity of raising taxes/user charges. This discussion would then be specifically reflected in the meeting minutes.

The public hearing **must** include the following:

1. How the need for the activities was identified;
2. The nature of the proposed activities;
3. Project location, including address(es) and legal description (if no addresses are available, a location description must be used, e.g., between Maple Avenue and Oak Street and 23rd and 24th Streets);
4. All project activities to be undertaken;
5. Amount and source of funds for each activity;
6. Estimated total amount of requested federal funds (e.g., CDBG-DR/HOME/HTF/HOME-ARP) that will benefit low- and moderate-income people;
7. Amount and source of other funds, if any; and
8. Plans for minimizing displacement of persons and businesses as a result of CDBG- DR/HOME/HTF/HOME-ARP activities; and
9. Plans to assist persons actually displaced.

As part of the application submission, Applicants are required to submit the following documentation:

1. The notification to the public advertising the date/time of the public hearing.
2. Verification that the notification was published (Affidavit of Publication) or that the notification was posted within the community (Certificate of Posting).
3. Official meeting minutes as recorded by the appropriate local official.
4. Summary of public comments received, where applicable. If no comments received, this should be recorded in the meeting minutes and submitted, documenting no comments received.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL RESOURCES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on [Date] in the [Place], the [Name of eligible entity] will hold a public hearing concerning an application to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for a [federal resource, e.g., Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), National Housing Trust Fund (HTF), HOME American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP), etc.] award. This funding is available to eligible entities to [purpose of program, e.g., rebuild the affected areas impacted by DR-4420 and provide crucial seed money to start the recovery process (CDBG-DR only), for local affordable housing activities (HOME, HTF and HOME-ARP only)].

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The grant application will be available for public inspection at [Place]. All interested parties are invited to attend this public hearing at which time you will have an opportunity to be heard regarding the grant application. Written and oral testimony will also be accepted at the public hearing scheduled for [Time], [Date], [Address, Room Number, etc.]. Written comments addressed to [Contact Person] at [Address] will be accepted if received on or before [Date].

Individuals requiring physical or sensory accommodations including interpreter service, Braille, large print, or recorded materials, please contact [Contact Person] at [Address, Phone Number] no later than [Date]. Accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and non-English speaking individuals provided that a [Number] day notice is received by the [Name of eligible entity].