

CDBG First Public Hearing Notice

Alachua County, Florida
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Alachua County is considering applying to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for a FFY 2021 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV). The Small Cities Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Program is designed to help a non-entitlement municipality or counties **prepare for, prevent, or respond to the health and economic impacts of COVID-19.**

The County is eligible to apply in the neighborhood revitalization, commercial revitalization and housing rehabilitation categories and in the economic development category

Pursuant to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocated additional Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds to the state of Florida to address issues related to the impacts of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Meeting the Low- and Moderate-Income National Objective

Each activity must meet one of the following national objectives for the program: benefit low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons, prevent or eliminate of slums or blight, or address community development needs with particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community for which other funding is not available. A need is considered urgent if it poses a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and has arisen in the past 18 months.

A minimum of 70% of all CDBG-CV funds must be used for activities that meet the low- and moderate-income national objectives.

- LMI Area Benefit
- LMI Limited Clientele
- LMI Housing
- LMI Jobs
- Slum and Blight – Area Basis
- Slum and Blight – Spot Basis
- Urgent Need

Program Requirements:

- Eligible Activities: Acquisition; Public Improvements; Public Facilities; Business Assistance; Microenterprise Assistance; Public Services; Planning; and Broadband Planning and Public Infrastructure.
- COVID-19 Tie: Under the CARES Act, funding is available through the Community Development Block Grant Program for activities which prevent, prepare for, and respond to the

coronavirus pandemic.

The CDBG-CV Small Cities program will be funded through three rounds of funds received from HUD for a total amount of available funding of \$41,931,595. Funds will be awarded for eligible activities following a competitive application process. Applicants may submit one (1) application for one (1) activity.

- Grant Request Minimum = \$200,000
- Grant Request Maximum = \$5 million

Additional information regarding the range of activities that could be funded will be provided at the public hearing. In developing a CDBG application, the Alachua County must plan to minimize displacement of persons as a result of the activities. In addition, the Alachua County is required to develop a plan to assist displaced persons. A public hearing to obtain citizen comment concerning the County's economic and community development needs will be held on **March 9, 2021 at or about 11:30 A.M.** the meeting will be held Virtually and Alachua County Administration Building, 12 SE 1st Street, Second Floor, Jack Durrance Auditorium -

The public may attend and participate in this meeting virtually and in-person. Public comment will be taken both virtually and in-person.

Attending virtually: The public may also attend virtually through Cox Channel 12, Facebook, and the County's Video on Demand website. For meeting audio only, call 301-715-8592, and when prompted, use code 670 965 3024.

Attending in-person: The public who attend in-person must wear a facial covering at all times. Public seating will be made available up to the capacity that permits adequate social distancing.

Public comment: The public may submit comments, written or photographic documents to the Board through email (bocc@alachuacounty.us) before the meeting or by participating when prompted to by the Chair of the Board. Virtual participation is available through the public comment message line. When prompted to call during the meeting, please call 929-205-6099 (enter meeting code 273 174 8038). Callers will be put in a queue, and prompted when it is their turn to speak. **TO AVOID FEEDBACK, CALLERS TO THE PUBLIC COMMENT MESSAGE LINE MUST TURN DOWN THEIR MEETING SOUND WHEN ADDRESSING THE COMMISSION.** Callers should state their names and limit comments to two minutes. When prompted for in-person public comment, in-person participants should follow the direction of the Chair to participate.

The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in the hearing is asked to advise the County at least five days before the hearing by contacting please contact the Alachua County ADA Coordinator at ADA@alachuacounty.us or call the Alachua County Equal Opportunity Office at 352-374-5275; TDD/TTY Users please call 711 Florida Relay Service.

For information concerning the public hearing, contact Stephen Weeks, Housing Programs, at 352-337-6285 or Email sweeks@alachuacounty.us