



**NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT -
CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDING**

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about March 20, 2023 the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners will submit a request to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for the release of Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus Relief Funding (CDBG-CV) funds under Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) (Public Law 116-136) (Florida Statute 290.046), to undertake a project known as Budget Inn Conversion located at 4401 SW 13 Street, Gainesville, Florida for the purpose of creating housing/shelter resources for our homeless population. Estimated CDBG-CV funding request is \$4,000,781.54 and local BoCC funding is \$92,470.33.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the Alachua County Community Support Services Housing Division at 218 SE 24 St, Gainesville, Florida where the ERR is available for review and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 A.M to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners, Community Support Services, Housing Division at 218 SE 24 St, Gainesville, FL 32641. All comments received by March 14, 2023 will be considered by the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners, Community Support Services, Housing Division prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners, Community Support Services, Housing Division certifies to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity that Anna Prizzia in her capacity as Chair, Board of County Commissioners consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners, Community Support Services, Housing Division to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity will accept objections to its release of funds and the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners, Community Support Services, Housing Division certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners, Community Support Services, Housing Division; (b) the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners, Community Support Services, Housing Division has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by Florida Department of Economic Opportunity; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Florida Department of Economic Opportunity administration office at 107 East Madison Street – MSC 400, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-6508. Potential objectors should contact Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

If accommodations are needed for persons with disabilities, please contact the Alachua County Equal Opportunity Office at (352) 374-5275 (voice) or (352) 374-5284 (TDD) or 711 Relay Friendly.

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