

**St. Johns County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds
Preliminary Planning for a Substantial Amendment to the 2016-2017 CDBG Action Plan**

Notice to Citizens:

St. Johns County independently receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds as an entitlement community. This program is administered through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the benefit of low/moderate income residents. St. Johns County uses CDBG funds within the unincorporated areas of the County and within the city limits of St. Augustine Beach. The County's other cities do not participate in this particular CDBG program. The County has submitted a Consolidated Plan and an Action Plan, as required by HUD, to receive CDBG funding. St. Johns County is currently seeking input from citizens as part of the preliminary planning phase for an anticipated Substantial Amendment to the 2016-17 Annual Action Plan.

Funding for 2016-2017:

For the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year, HUD allocated \$799,754 for St. Johns County. The 2016-2017 Action Plan provided for the following expenditures on projects related to the priorities of the Consolidated Plan:

- Home Repair/Rehabilitation – \$208,000 for repair activities county-wide.
- Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities – \$300,402 for drainage improvement activities in West Augustine.
- Public Services – \$40,740 for afterschool tutorial and enrichment programs in West Augustine.
- Homeless Housing Rehabilitation – \$90,661 to repair housing units for 5 homeless households.
- Administration and Planning - \$159,951 for expenses deemed eligible per HUD regulations.

St. Johns County is evaluating a decrease in the amount of money allocated for Administration and Planning by approximately \$113,600 and potential adjustments to the amount of funds allocated for other projects. The County invites citizens to provide comments related to the potential changes to funding allocations, in advance of a Substantial Amendment to the 2016-2017 Action Plan being submitted to HUD.

Public Comment Period:

The Consolidated Plan and the 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan are available for review Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM at the Health and Human Services Department at 200 San Sebastian View, Suite 2300, St. Augustine, FL 32084. These documents can also be viewed on the St. Johns County website: <http://www.sjcfll.us/Housing/index.aspx>. The public comment period is November 13, 2017 through December 19, 2017. During this period, comments from the public are encouraged and will be accepted at the Health and Human Services Department at 200 San Sebastian View, Suite 2300, St. Augustine, FL 32084. Comments can also be given by calling 904-827-6890 or emailed to housing@sjcfll.us. A written response will be given within fifteen (15) days, to all written comments received. For additional information, please contact Greg Lulkoski at 904-827-6897.

Public Meeting:

A public meeting will be held to discuss the County's evaluation of the need to decrease the amount of money allocated for Administration and Planning and adjust the amount of funds allocated for other projects. This public meeting will be held on November 27, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at the Health and Human Services Department located at 200 San Sebastian View, Egret Conference Room; St. Augustine, FL 32084. Input from citizens will be considered in preparation for a Substantial Amendment to the 2016-2017 Action Plan, which will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners for Final Action on December 19, 2017.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in these proceedings should contact the ADA Coordinator at (904) 209-0650, or at the County Administration Building at 500 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, Florida 32084. For deaf and/or hard of hearing individuals: Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD): (904) 209-0650, or the Florida Relay Service: (800) 955-8770. To request services, please notify the County by November 21, 2017.

Response to Citizen Comments: A written response will be given within 15 days, to all written comments received.



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