

St. Johns County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds Proposed FY 2017-2018 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-to-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.

Consolidated Plan:

The Five Year Consolidated Plan was prepared by St. Johns County and includes a discussion of needs and strategies to meet those needs. It was developed with participation from County staff and elected officials, affordable housing and social service providers, and local citizens. Various public hearings, meetings, and discussions were held to obtain citizen input on community needs. As a result of this process the following priorities were developed:

- **Priority #1–Rehabilitation of Existing Housing**-Focus on improving health and safety, code violations, accessibility and sustainability for extremely low-to-moderate income residents (including but not limited to elderly, disabled and veterans) below 50% AMI.
- **Priority #2– Public Facilities and Infrastructure**- Provision of adequate infrastructure and public facilities to ensure their operation at an efficient level of service and enhance the livability of low-to-moderate income neighborhoods.
- **Priority #3 – Public Services**-Public services provided will enhance the living environment of the targeted population by addressing basic needs that they do not have nor the economic means to adequately provide for themselves.
- **Priority #4 –Homeless Assistance**- Provide housing and support services to assist individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.
- **Priority #5 –Affordable Housing**- Increase the supply of affordable rental housing available to very- low, low, moderate, and middle-income residents as well as veterans, elderly, disabled, and homeless persons through new construction or acquisition.

Anticipated 2017-2018: \$826,849

Funding will be used to support projects that promote the priorities established in the Consolidated Plan as outlined in the Action Plan. Any unencumbered or unexpended funds will be redirected to other projects in FY 17/18.

Public Comment Period:

As required by HUD, the 2017/2018 draft CDBG Annual Action Plan will be available for review beginning Friday, June 30, 2017 through 5:00 p.m. Monday, July 31, 2017, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Health and Human Services Department, 200 San Sebastian View, Suite 2300; St. Augustine, FL 32084. The draft Action Plan may be viewed on the St. Johns County website at: <http://www.sjcfl.us/Housing/index.aspx>. The public may submit written comments on the proposed Action Plan to the Housing & Community Services Department during this period. For additional information please contact Greg Lulkoski at 904-827-6897.

Public Hearing:

Two public hearings regarding this Action Plan are scheduled. The first will be held on July 21, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at the Health and Human Services Department located at 200 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084. 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 July 14, 2017. The second public hearing shall be held as the **Final Action** associated with the plan (see below).

Final Action:

The 2017/2018 Action Plan is scheduled for Board action on August 1, 2017 at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

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



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