

St. Johns County Community Development Block Grant Proposed Substantial Amendment to the 2016-2017 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 prepared a Consolidated Plan and an Action Plan as required by HUD to receive CDBG funding. These plans lay out how the funds will be used for qualifying purposes such as projects, programs and administration. St. Johns County is considering a Substantial Amendment to its 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

The proposed Substantial Amendment will increase the funding and the scope of the project identified as Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities – for drainage improvement activities in West Augustine. It is proposed that the funding for this project be increased by \$207,868. This proposed increase in funding for the above mentioned project will be offset by decreasing the amount of funding allocated for Administration and Planning by \$117,207 and by eliminating the project for Homeless Housing Rehabilitation.

Public Comment Period:

As required by HUD, the proposed Substantial Amendment to the 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan is available for review Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM at the Health and Human Services Department, 200 San Sebastian View, Suite 2300, St. Augustine, FL 32084. Additionally, the Consolidated Plan and the 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan can be viewed on the St. Johns County website: <http://www.sjcfcl.us/Housing/index.aspx>. The public comment period is November 19, 2017 through December 19, 2017. Comments from the public are encouraged and will be accepted during this thirty (30) day period 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@sjcfcl.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 Hearings:

Two public hearings regarding this Substantial Amendment are scheduled. The first 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. 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 22, 2017. The second public hearing shall be held as the **Final Action** associated with the plan (see below).

Final Action:

The Substantial Amendment to the 2016-2017 Action Plan is scheduled for Board action on **December 19, 2017**, at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, at 9:00 a.m., in the County Commission Chambers, 500 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, Florida 32084.

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



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