



St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners

Housing & Community Development

Public Notice

St. Johns County Community Development Block Grant Funding, Survey, Meetings, and Application

St. Johns County is giving public notice that it anticipates receiving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the 2020-2021 Federal Fiscal Year.

St. Johns County receives CDBG funds as an entitlement community. The CDBG program is administered through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the benefit of low-to-moderate income residents. St. Johns County may use CDBG funds within the unincorporated areas of the County and within the city limits of St. Augustine Beach. The development and approval of a Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans are requirements of receiving CDBG funds.

In accordance with the County's Citizen Participation Plan, citizens are encouraged to participate in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the CDBG program. Preparing for the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan involves holding community meetings, a survey of community priorities, a process for soliciting CDBG applications from the community, and application scoring and selection. Through the application process, the County makes a portion of CDBG funds available to the community.

The 2020 Community Meeting Schedule is posted below. At these meetings, information will be provided about the CDBG program; and the Community Survey and CDBG applications will be available to the public. In addition to information on the County's CDBG program, information will be presented on the CDBG-Disaster Recovery program, known as Restore St. Johns. Staff will be available to provide information and program updates to homeowners who have unmet needs related to Hurricane Matthew. More information about Restore St. Johns can be found at: www.sjcfi.us/restore.

The 2020 Community Survey and the 2020-2021 CDBG application are also available on the County website at: <http://www.sjcfi.us/Housing/CDBG.aspx>. A paper copy of the survey and application may be obtained Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM at the Health and Human Services Department; Suite 2300; 200 San Sebastian View; St. Augustine, FL 32084.

The 2020 Community Survey will close on April 17, 2020. All 2020-2021 CDBG applications

must be submitted, as per application instructions, by 4:00 PM on April 17, 2020. Applications will be evaluated and scored by an independent committee at a public meeting at 3:00 PM on May 1, 2020, in the Kingfisher Conference Room, Health and Human Services, 200 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084. Additional information about the CDBG program can be obtained by calling 904-827-6897 or contacting: glulkoski@sjcfl.us.

At this time, HUD has not informed the County of the amount of CDBG funds that will be available for the 2020-2021 Federal Fiscal Year. For the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year, HUD allocated \$930,264 for St. Johns County. Funds for the 2020-2021 Federal Fiscal Year are not expected to be available until after November 2020.

The County is not obligated to award all funds available during a particular grant cycle. The County reserves the right to reject any and all applications submitted, on the basis that proposed projects do not meet the regulations of the CDBG program, or are not submitted according to instructions or by the submission deadline. HUD prohibits the use of these funds for projects within the city limits of St. Augustine, due to other sources of funding available to the City. Eligible organizations desiring to submit an application for funding must have a representative of the organization attend one of two technical assistance workshops (dates, times, and location are stated below).

Projects proposed in CDBG applications must be aligned with a priority stated in St. Johns County's Five Year Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan includes a discussion of local needs and strategies to meet those needs. The Consolidated Plan was developed with participation from County staff, elected officials, affordable housing and social service providers, and local citizens. 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 below 50% AMI (including but not limited to residents who are elderly, disabled, and veterans).

Priority #2 – Public Facilities and Infrastructure: provision of adequate public facilities and infrastructure to assure the efficient levels of service and enhance the livability of low-to-moderate income neighborhoods.

Priority #3 – Public Services: enhance the living environment of the targeted area by addressing basic needs that were unmet due to economic disparity.

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, and moderate income residents as well as veterans, elderly, disabled, and homeless persons through new construction or acquisition.

The current Citizens Action Plan, Consolidated Plan, and 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. The documents can also be viewed on the St. Johns County website: <http://www.sjcfl.us/Housing/CDBG.aspx>.

Schedule of 2020 CDBG Community Meetings

February 18, 2020 - 1:00 PM:
Collier-Blocker-Puryear Park Community Center
10 North Holmes Blvd
St. Augustine, FL 32084

February 19, 2020 - 4:00 PM:
Vilano Beach Main Street Meeting
Hampton Inn
95 Vilano Road
St. Augustine, FL 32084

February 19, 2020 - 6:00 PM:
Armstrong Baptist Church
6370 Armstrong Road
Elkton, FL 32033

February 20, 2020 - 11:00 AM:
Southeast Branch Library
6670 US 1 South
St. Augustine, FL 32086

February 20, 2020 - 1:00 PM:
Technical Assistance Workshop
Kingfisher Conference Room
200 San Sebastian View
St. Augustine, FL 32084

February 20, 2020 - 6:00 PM:
Hastings Branch Library
6195 S. Main St.
Hastings, FL 32145

February 21, 2020 - 1:00 PM:
City of St. Augustine Beach
City Hall – Meeting Room
2200 A1A South
St. Augustine Beach , FL 32080

February 24, 2020 - 11:00 AM:
Bartram Trail Branch Library
60 Davis Pond Boulevard
Fruit Cove, FL 32259

February 25, 2020 - 6:00 PM:
Ponte Vedra Branch Library
101 Library Blvd.
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

February 26, 2020 - 6:00 PM:
Technical Assistance Workshop
Solomon Calhoun Community Center
1300 Duval Street
St. Augustine, FL 32084

February 27, 2020 - 7:00 PM:
Flagler Estates CRA
Flagler Estates Road & Water District
9850 Light Ave
Hastings, FL 32145

March 11, 2020 – 9:45 AM:
St. Johns County Continuum of Care
100 Whetstone Place, Suite 303
St. Augustine, FL 32086

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