



**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Community Development Block Grant**  
**Proposed Update to Citizen Participation Plan**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that St. Johns County has prepared an updated draft of the Citizen Participation Plan for the Community Block Grant (CDBG) Program. St. Johns County receives CDBG funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), as an entitlement community, 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.

HUD requires communities to adopt a Citizen Participation Plan, in accordance with 24 CFR Section 91.105, to encourage public input in the process of preparing the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plans, any substantial amendments to the Consolidated Plan or an Annual Action Plan, and the Consolidated Annual Performance Report (CAPER) for CDBG activities.

St. Johns County approved the first Citizen Participation Plan on June 9, 2016, as the County was beginning the inaugural year of its CDBG program. HUD requires periodic reviews of Citizen Participation Plans, with updates required as needed. A recent review of the County's Citizen Participation Plan, with advisement from HUD Representatives, resulted in proposed updates to the Plan. These updates provide more details on how the public, particularly those with disabilities and those who are deemed to be of low to moderate-income, may participate in all phases of the County's CDBG program.

**Public Comment Period:** The public is invited to review the proposed draft of the updated Citizen Participation Plan and ask questions or make comments about the draft. The public comment period will be from November 16, 2019 through December 17, 2019. The proposed updated Citizen Participation Plan, as well as the current Citizen Participation Plan and other CDBG documents 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.sjcfi.us/Housing/CDBG.aspx>. Comments from the public are encouraged and will be accepted during this 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@sjcfi.us](mailto:housing@sjcfi.us). A written response will be given within fifteen (15) days, to all written comments received. For additional information, please call 904-827-6897.

**Public Hearing:** There will be a Public Hearing to present and discuss the draft of the updated Citizen Participation Plan at 4:30 PM on December 12, 2019, in the Kingfisher Conference Room in the Health and Human Services Building at 200 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084. In addition to the topic of the proposed Substantial Amendment to the Citizen Participation Plan, at this meeting the County will facilitate sufficient time for presenting information and discussion on the Substantial Amendment to the 2016 -2017 Annual Action Plan and the 2018 – 2019

Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report. The second public hearing shall be held as the **Final Action** associated with the Substantial Amendment to the Citizen Participation Plan (see below).

**Final Action:** The proposed update to the Citizen Participation Plan is scheduled for Board action December 17, 2019 at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of County Commissioners in the County Commission Chambers, 500 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, Florida 32084. Prior to adopting the updated Citizen Participation Plan, St. Johns County will allow for public comment in order to obtain citizens' views and comments on the proposed Action Plan. Interested parties are encouraged to attend and participate.

For persons needing special accommodations to view CDBG documents or participate in these proceedings, please see the notice below. The public meetings will be conducted in English. If you require a translator, please call 904-209-0650. To request services, please notify the County at least five business days prior to each meeting.

**NOTICE TO PERSONS NEEDING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS AND TO ALL DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING PERSONS:** 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.

