



**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**St. Johns County Community Development Block Grant**  
**Proposed Substantial Amendment to the 2016-2017 Action Plan**

**Notice to Citizens:** St. Johns County 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 has prepared a five-year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans as required by HUD to receive CDBG funding. At this time, St. Johns County is considering a Substantial Amendment to the 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan.

**Funding for 2016-2017:** The Annual Action Plan describes how funds will be used for qualifying purposes such as projects, programs, and administration. For the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year, HUD allocated \$799,754 for St. Johns County. The 2016-2017 Action Plan provided for the following expenditures:

- \$208,000 for countywide housing rehabilitation.
- \$508,270 for a storm-water drainage project in West Augustine.
- \$40,740 for an after-school tutorial and mentoring program in West Augustine.
- \$42,744 for HUD-approved administrative costs associated with establishing and maintaining a CDBG program.

The amount budgeted for the storm-water drainage project was \$508,270 ; however, the accepted bid from the construction firm that will complete this project is \$457,887.80; therefore, this proposed Substantial Amendment includes reducing the funding available for that project by \$50,382.20. This project is currently approximately 25% complete, with a scheduled full completion date of January 31, 2020.

This proposed Substantial Amendment also includes reducing the funding for the countywide housing rehabilitation project by \$51,745.74 because this is the same amount of funds that was added to this project through a minor amendment to the 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan, in order to re-allocate unspent administration and planning funds from that Annual Action Plan. With this reduction to the amount of funding for this project, the total amount of funding available for this project remains the same as originally planned for the combined two Action Plan years of 2016-2017 and 2017-2018.

The funds resulting from the reduction to the 2016-2017 project of storm-water drainage and the countywide housing project will be used to fund improvements to Flagler Estates Park, in the amount of \$102,127.94. The project for improvements to the Flagler Estate Park is also a current project listed in the 2018 Annual Action Plan.

With the proposed amendment to the 2016 – 2017 Annual Action Plan, the following amounts are recommended to be allocated for projects:

- \$102,127.94 for improvements to Flagler Estates Park.
- \$156,254.26 for countywide housing rehabilitation.
- \$457,887.80 for a storm-water drainage project in West Augustine.

- \$40,740.00 for an after-school tutorial and mentoring program in West Augustine (project completed).
- \$42,744.00 for HUD-approved administrative costs associated with establishing and maintaining a CDBG program (project completed).

**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 proposed Substantial Amendment can be viewed on the St. Johns County website: <http://www.sjcfcl.us/Housing/index.aspx>. The public is encouraged to comment on the proposed Substantial Amendment from November 16, 2019 through December 17, 2019. Comments from the public 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@sjcfcl.us](mailto:housing@sjcfcl.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 Hearings:** Two public hearings regarding this proposed Substantial Amendment are scheduled. The first hearing will be held on December 12, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. at the Health and Human Services Department located at 200 San Sebastian View, Kingfisher Conference Room; St. Augustine, FL 32084. In addition to the topic of the proposed Substantial Amendment to the 2016 - 2017 Annual Action Plan, at this meeting the County will facilitate sufficient time for presenting information and discussion on the Substantial Amendment to the Citizen Participation 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 2016 – 2017 Annual Action Plan (see below).

**Final Action:** The Substantial Amendment to the 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan is scheduled for Board action on December 17, 2019, 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.

For persons needing special accommodations to view CDBG documents or participate in these proceedings, please see the notice below. The public hearings 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.



