NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY AND SOLICITATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR ST. JOHNS COUNTY ONE ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN FOR 2025-2026

On October 1, 2025, St. Johns County expects to receive funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for activities primarily benefitting low—and moderate-income (LMI) households or persons. Proposals are now being solicited for projects to help meet the needs identified in the 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan.

St. Johns County anticipates receiving an estimated \$1,143,488 from HUD towards the County's annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocation. St. Johns County anticipates releasing an estimated \$238,956 to non-profits and governmental agencies to provide activities benefiting either LMI individuals, LMI areas, or other types of eligible persons and/or activities as defined by HUD. *

St. Johns County plans to designate funding for the 2025-2026 Program Year toward the following activities:

| Program | Eligible Activities | |
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| CDBG | Priority #1—Public Facilities and Infrastructure: Provide adequate public facilities and infrastructure to assure efficient service levels and enhance the livability of low- to moderate-income neighborhoods. | |
| | Priority #2-Public Services: Enhance the living environment of the targeted area by addressing basic needs that were unmet due to economic disparity | |
| | Priority #3—Affordable Housing & Homeless Services: Increase the supply of affordable rental housing available to very low, low, and moderate-income residents, veterans, elderly, disabled, and homeless persons through new construction or acquisition; provide housing and support services to assist citizens who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. | |
| | Priority #4- 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 #5—Economic Development: Promote economic development activities in response to general needs and continue responding to the impact of COVID-19. | |

^{*}Estimated funding is based on FY 2024-2025 formula allocations. Actual FY2025-2026 funding is yet to be released by HUD. It should also be noted that there are a number of actions being taken by the Federal Government that could impact allocation amounts.

Projects may be implemented by the County, or the County may contract with local governments, non-profit agencies, or for-profit organizations to undertake activities to meet identified community development and housing needs. Applicants requesting funding under the CDBG program must submit it electronically using Neighborly software.

No paper applications will be accepted. The link to the application and instructions will be available on the Community Services Department website, https://www.sjcfl.us/community-development-block-grant/, beginning Tuesday, April 1, 2025. All applications are due to St. Johns County Housing and Community Development no later than Friday, May 9th, 2025, at 4:00 P.M. Late applications will not-be-scored.

Technical assistance workshops have been scheduled to allow interested applicants to ask questions regarding this funding notice. The <u>in-person</u> workshops are scheduled below. To be considered for the 2025-2026 funding, all interested applicants <u>must have a representative present for at least one of the workshops.</u>

If you have questions or need additional CDBG information, contact Marie Guilfoyle at 904-827-6897 or aquilfoyle@sicfl.us.

| Completing a Successf | ul CDBG Application: | | |
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| Entitlement Grant Technical Assistant Workshop | | | |
| *Workshops are required if applying for CDBG* | | | |
| Tuesday, March 25, 2025 -3:00 pm-4:30 pm | Thursday, March 27, 2025-4:00 pm-5:30 pm | | |
| Bartram Trail Library- Glass Meeting Room 60 Davis Pond Boulevard St. Johns, FL 32259 | Solomon Calhoun Community Center- Conference Room 1300 Duval St, St. Augustine, FL 32084 | | |
| Thursday, April 3 rd , 2025- 1:30 pm-3:00 pm | Tuesday, April 15, 2025- 1:00 pm-2:30 pm | | |
| Ponte Vedra Branch Library- Glass Conference Room 101 Library Blvd, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082 | Health and Human Services- Kingfisher Conference Room 200 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084 | | |
| Wednesday, April 16, 2025- 1:00pm -2:30 pm | Thursday, April 17, 2025- 5:00 pm- 6:30 pm | | |
| Hastings Library W.E. Harris Community Center 400 Harris St, Hastings, FL 32145 | Southeast Branch Library- Large Meeting Room 6670 US 1 South, St. Augustine, FL 32086 | | |
| Tuesday, April 22, 2025- 12:30 pm-2:00 pm | | | |
| Flagler Estates Community Center 9960 Oliver Ave. Hastings. FL 32145 | | | |

2025 Public Hearings

Community Priorities Needs Assessment

Click on the link below to complete the survey.

Please share with our community.

You may also use the QR Code to complete it from your phone!

Contact me at qquilfoyle@sjcfl.us or 904-827-6897 if a paper copy is preferred.

The survey deadline is April 7, 2025.

Community Needs Assessment Survey: https://forms.office.com/g/7TCKKaCc5Z



In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons who need 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, FL 32084. Deaf and/ or hard of hearing individuals may use Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD): 904-209-0650 or the Florida Relay Service: 800-955-8770. The public meeting 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.