

## Washington County CDBG First Public Hearing Notice

Washington County Board of County Commissioners (WCBOCC) is considering applying to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for a FFY 2020 and 2021 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The county intends to reapply in FY2021 if funding is not available in prior cycle. The county is eligible to apply for up to \$750,000.00 in the neighborhood revitalization, commercial revitalization, and housing rehabilitation categories and up to \$1,500,000.00 in the economic development category. Construction activities funded through the CDBG Program must meet one of the following National Objectives:

- Benefit to low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons;
- Prevent or eliminate slum or blight conditions; or
- Meet a need of recent origin having a particular urgency.

The types of activities for which CDBG funds may be used include constructing stormwater ponds, paving roads and sidewalks, installing sewer and water lines, building a community center or park, making improvements to a sewage treatment plant, and rehabilitating low-income homes. Additional information regarding the range of activities that could be funded will be provided at the public hearing.

In developing a CDBG application, WCBOCC must plan to minimize displacement of persons as a result of the activities. In addition, the WCBOCC is required to develop a plan to assist displaced persons.

A public hearing to obtain citizen comment concerning the county's economic and community development needs will be held at the Washington County Government Offices, 1331 South Blvd., Chipley, FL, 32428 on Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 5 p.m. CST or soon thereafter. For information concerning the public hearing, contact Karen Shaw, Grants Coordinator, at (850) 638-6200 or by e-mail at [Kshaw@washingtonfl.com](mailto:Kshaw@washingtonfl.com).

The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in the hearing is asked to advise the county at least five days before the hearing by contacting Wendy White, Human Resources Director, at (850) 638-6200 or by e-mail at [wwhite@washingtonfl.com](mailto:wwhite@washingtonfl.com). If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the county using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800) 955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800) 955-8770 (Voice).

Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should contact the office of Human Resources at (850) 638-6200 or by e-mail at [wwhite@washingtonfl.com](mailto:wwhite@washingtonfl.com), at least five (5) days prior to the hearing and an interpreter will be provided.

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