

Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: March 15, 2016

Date Submitted: February 19, 2016

To: Honorable Chairperson and Members of the Board

From: Robert M. Presnell, County Administrator
Dee Jackson, Grant Writer

Subject: **Public Hearing (First):** Community Development Block Grant

Statement of Issue:

The FFY 2015 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant program requires an applicant to hold two public hearings, (73C-23.0041(5)). This requested public hearing is the first and is designed to obtain citizen comment concerning the County's economic and community development needs.

Background:

The County is considering applying to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for a FFY 2015 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The County is eligible to apply for up to \$750,000 in neighborhood revitalization, commercial revitalization and housing rehabilitation categories and up to \$1.5 million in the economic development category. Construction activities funded through the CDBG Program must meet one of the following National Objectives:

1. Provide benefit low and moderate income persons; or
2. Prevent or eliminate slum or blight conditions; or
3. Meet a need of recent origin having a particular urgency.

Analysis:

This is project target request for Economic Development project.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no match requirement for this program.

Options:

1. Approve staff to proceed with the 2nd Public Hearing to receive public comments.
2. Do not approve staff to proceed with the 2nd Public Hearing to receive public comments.
3. Board direction.

County Administrator's Recommendation:

Option 1

Attachments:

Notice of Public Hearing Ad

**GADSDEN COUNTY
NOTICE OF FIRST PUBLIC HEARING**

Gadsden County is considering applying to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for a FFY 2015 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The County is eligible to apply for up to \$750,000 in neighborhood revitalization, commercial revitalization and housing rehabilitation categories and up to \$1.5 million in the economic development category. Construction activities funded through the CDBG Program must meet one of the following National Objectives:

1. Provide benefit low and moderate income persons; or
2. Prevent or eliminate slum or blight conditions; or
3. Meet a need of recent origin having a particular urgency.

The types of activities that CDBG funds may be use for include categories, such improvement activities as acquisition of real property, loans to private-for-profit business, purchase of machinery and equipment, construction of infrastructure, rehabilitation of houses and commercial buildings, and energy conservation. Additional information regarding the range of activities that may be undertaken will be provided at the public hearing. For each activity that is proposed, at least 70% of the funds must benefit low and moderate income persons.

In developing an application for submission to DEO, the County must plan to minimize displacement of persons as a result of planned CDBG activities. In addition, the County is required to develop a plan to assist displaced persons.

A public hearing to receive citizen views concerning the community's economic and community development needs will be held at the Gadsden County Board of County Commission Chambers, Edward J. Butler Governmental Complex, 9 East Jefferson Street, Quincy, FL, on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. For information concerning the public hearing contact Dee Jackson at (850-662-3331 or by email djackson@gadsdencountyfl.gov.

The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Any handicapped person requiring an interpreter for the hearing impaired or the visually impaired should contact Dee Jackson, at least five calendar days prior to the meeting and an interpreter will be provided. Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should contact Dee Jackson at least five calendar days prior to the meeting and a language interpreter will be provided. To access a Telecommunication Device for Deaf Persons (TDD) please call (TDD# (800) 955-8771. Any handicapped person requiring special accommodation at this meeting should contact Dee Jackson at least five calendar days prior to the meeting.

A FAIR HOUSING/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/HANDICAP ACCESS JURISDICTION

PLEASE SEND BILL AND PROOF OF PUBLICATION TO DEE JACKSON, GCB OCC,
Edward J. Butler Governmental Complex, 9 East Jefferson Street, Quincy, FL,
32351

PLEASE PUBLISH ON 3/3, 3/10.

Display 3"x 5"