

Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: April 5, 2016

Date Submitted: March 14, 2016

To: Honorable Chairperson and Members of the Board

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

Subject: **Second Public Hearing:** 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 second and is designed to review and approve citizen's comments and concerns of the County's CDBG housing application and other 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.

The objective of this project is:

1. To benefit low and moderate income persons; or
2. To aid in the prevention or elimination of Slums or blight; or
3. To meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

Analysis:

This is project target request for housing rehabilitation project.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no match requirement for this program.

Options:

1. Approve CDBG application and authorize chairperson to sign all documents.
2. Do not approve.
3. Board direction.

County Administrator's Recommendation:

Option 1

Attachments:

Notice of Public Hearing Ad

Completed CDBG Application **(To Be Provided)**

**GADSDEN COUNTY
NOTICE OF SECOND PUBLIC HEARING**

Gadsden County plans to apply to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for a FFY 2015 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) of \$750,000. The funding request will be under the category of Housing Rehabilitation. The activities, dollar amounts and estimated percentage benefit to low-and-moderate-income persons are as follows:

<u>Activity Number</u>	<u>Activity Name</u>	<u>CDBG Funding</u>	<u>LMI Benefit</u>
08	Temporary Relocation	\$4,500	100%
14A	Housing Rehab/Demo/Reconstruction	\$633,000	100%
21A	Administration	\$112,500	100%

Total Budget \$750,000.00

The CDBG funds provided through this grant will provide the financial assistance necessary to preserve existing housing stock, replace substandard housing and remove unhealthy/hazardous conditions in very-low, low, and moderate income households in the non or unincorporated areas of Gadsden County. This need being addressed is set forth as a priority in the Gadsden County Housing Assistance Plan. Additionally, this application for VLI/LMI Home Owner Rehabilitation is in keeping with the Housing Element of the Gadsden County Comprehensive Plan. The Gadsden County Department of Code Enforcement estimates that 35% of the houses in Gadsden County are not up to code. It is estimated that 80% of that number are better torn down than repaired. These CDBG resources would assist in addressing these identified code violations.

A Public Hearing to provide citizens an opportunity to comment on the application will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 6:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Gadsden County Board of County Commission Chambers, 9 East Jefferson Street, Rm. 101, Quincy, Florida 32351. A draft copy of the application will be available for review at that time. A final copy of the application will be made available at the Gadsden County Grants Department located in the Edward J. Butler Governmental Complex Building, 9B East Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida on Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. The application will be submitted to DEO on or before April 15 2016. To obtain additional information concerning the application and the Public Hearing or to make comments, contact Mrs. Dee Jackson, Grants Department at (850) 662-3331.

Gadsden County does not expect that anyone will be displaced as a result of CDBG-funded activities. If any persons are displaced as a result of the planned activities, Gadsden County will assist them as described in the County's anti-displacement and relocation policy, which is available for review at the Edward J. Butler Governmental Complex Building, 9B East Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida.

The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Any 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 Sonya Burns 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 any other special accommodations for this meeting should contact Dee Jackson at least five calendar days prior to the meeting.

Pursuant to Section 102 of the HUD Reform Act of 1959, the following disclosures will be submitted to DCA with the application. The disclosures will be made available by Gadsden County and DCA for public inspection upon request. Those disclosures will be available on and after the date of submission of the application and shall continue to be available for a minimum period of five years.

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