

## **Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request**

**Date of Meeting:** April 19, 2016

**Date Submitted:** March 18, 2016

**To:** Honorable Chairperson and Members of the Board

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

**Subject:** **Second Public Hearing:** for Gadsden County to Apply for Florida Department of Economic Opportunity 2016 CDBG Economic Development Grant

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### **Statement of Issue:**

This agenda item presents a request by Mr. Charlie Harris for the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to hold the second required hearing before submittal of grant application to the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA), under the CDBG Program for the Gussie's Garden Inn ALCF Project, on behalf of Mr. Charlie Harris, owner.

### **Background:**

A conceptual plan for Gussie's Garden Inn ALCF was approved by the Gadsden County BOCC on March 1, 2005. Mr. Harris is the owner of Sirrah Mini Storage located about a quarter of a mile west of the City of Quincy, city limits on U.S. 90. He is converting the building into an Assisted Living Facility which will house forty-eight (48) clients and create eleven (11) low-moderate income jobs. The site is now serviced by septic. Because of the type business Mr. Harris wants to open, he needs to be on City sewage. This requirement will cause an undue financial hardship; therefore he is requesting County staff to pursue a CDBG Economic Development grant to provide the infrastructure to his business. This infrastructure improvement may also benefit future development in the area.

### **Analysis:**

Grant funding will be utilized for infrastructure improvements at the Sirrah Mini Storage site located off of Highway 90 West. Improvements shall include the installation of sewer lines, lighting and paving of access roads. The project will result in approximately 12 additional full-time employment opportunities for Gadsden County residents. Additionally, the completion of the Assisted Living Facility project will have a significant financial and economic impact on the community.

**Fiscal Impact:**

If funded, the infrastructure improvement will be paid 100% from grant funds. It is unknown at this time if applicant will request the County to purchase an easement.

**Options:**

1. Approve CDBG Application and Authorize Chairperson to execute documents to submit DEO.
2. Do not approve.
3. Board direction.

**County Administrator Recommendation:**

Option 1

**Attachments:**

Material To Be Provided