

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-244

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT A SUBSTANTIAL AMMENDMENT TO THE 2016-2020 CONSOLIDATED ACTION PLAN TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the County prepared a 2016–2020 Consolidated Plan for the purpose of submitting an application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement funding through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD);

WHEREAS, HUD requires the County to develop Priority Needs and Strategic Goals as part of the 2016–2020 Consolidated Plan. Therefore, the County engaged community Stakeholders to identify Priority Needs, one of which addresses the need to increase the supply of affordable rental housing available to very- low, low, moderate, and middle-income residents as well as veterans, elderly, disabled, and homeless persons through new construction or acquisition.

WHEREAS, the County continues to participate in on-going discussions about community needs with Stakeholders, such as non-profit organizations and citizens. In addition to the need for affordable rental housing, stakeholders have also identified the need to increase the supply of affordable housing available to be purchased by very- low, low, moderate, and middle-income residents as well as veterans, elderly, disabled, and homeless persons through new construction or acquisition.

WHEREAS, the County remains responsive to community needs, as expressed by Stakeholders. Therefore, The County will make a Substantial Amendment to the 2016–2020 Consolidated Plan, per HUD regulations, to modify the Priority Need related to Affordable Housing to include increasing the supply of affordable housing available for homeownership, in addition to increasing the supply of affordable rental housing.

WHEREAS, a Strategic Goal for Affordable Housing for Homeownership must also be added to the 2016–2020 Consolidated Plan so that CDBG funds may be spent on increasing the supply of affordable housing available to be purchased by very- low, low, moderate, and middle-income residents.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY:

Section 1. The above recitals are incorporated by reference into the body of this resolution and such recitals are adopted as findings of fact.

Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners authorizes the Chair to sign a letter, addressed to the HUD Senior Community Planning and Development Representative, which provides details of the Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Plan.

Section 3. The Board of County Commissioners authorizes the County Administrator, or his designee, to submit the Substantial Amendment to the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan through HUD's Integrated Disbursement and Information System.

Section 4. To the extent that there are typographical or administrative errors or omissions that do not change the tone, tenor, or context of this resolution, this resolution may be revised without subsequent approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 5. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County this 16th day of July 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS
COUNTY

By: Jeb S. Smith
Jeb S. Smith, Vice Chairman

ATTEST: Hunter S. Conrad, Clerk

By: Sam Halterman
Deputy Clerk

RENDITION DATE 7/18/19





St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners

Housing & Community Development

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Housing & Community Development Division
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July 16, 2019

Ms. Deidra Hembree
Senior Community Planning and Development Representative
US Department of Housing and Urban Development
Community Planning and Development Division
Charles E. Bennett Federal Building
400 West Bay Street
Suite 1015
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Dear Ms. Hembree,

St. Johns County values the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the benefits it provides to the County's low/moderate income residents. The County appreciates the guidance of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as we implement our CDBG program. At this time, the County wishes to inform HUD of the need to make a Substantial Amendment to the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan.

The need for this Substantial Amendment arose from discussions with community Stakeholders who advocated for the option to increase the supply of affordable housing available for income-eligible citizens to purchase. The Substantial Amendment and the related public process are described below:

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT: The Substantial Amendment 2020-2016 Consolidated Plan will incorporate the following text into the description of the Priority Need related to Affordable Housing, in SP-25 Priority Needs - 91.215(a)(2):

Description: Increase the supply of affordable housing for sale and affordable rental housing available to very- low, low, moderate, and middle-income residents as well as veterans, elderly, disabled, and homeless persons through new construction or acquisition. Provide rental assistance to persons who qualify as being very-low, low, moderate, and middle-income or as veterans, elderly, disabled, or homeless through a tenant based rental assistance program or through provision of financial assistance to pay delinquent rent and utilities.

Additionally, the following Strategic Goal will be added to the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan, as can be viewed in SP-45 Goals Summary – 91.215(a)(4), as follows:

Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
Affordable Housing for Homeownership	2019	2020	Affordable Housing	Elkton/Armstrong West Augustine Flagler Estates Hastings Countywide	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$300,000	Affordable Housing units constructed or acquired for homeownership: 8 Household Housing Units

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: In accordance with 24 CFR 91.105(c)(3), the proposed Substantial Amendment to the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan has been available for review, from June 14, 2019 to July 16, 2019, Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM at the Health and Human Services Department at 200 San Sebastian View, Suite 2300, St. Augustine, FL 32084. The Substantial Amendment and the related Public Notice, as well as the Citizens Participation Plan can be viewed on the St. Johns County website: <http://www.sjcfcl.us/Housing/index.aspx>.

Comments from the public were invited during the period from June 14, 2019 to July 16, 2019. Comments could be made at the Health and Human Services Department at 200 San Sebastian View, Suite 2300, St. Augustine, FL 32084. Comments could also be given by calling 904-827-6890 or emailed to housing@sjcfcl.us. A written response to all comments is to be given within fifteen (15) days from the day the comment was received.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: Two public hearings regarding this Substantial Amendment were scheduled. The first was held on June 28, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at the Health and Human Services Department located at 200 San Sebastian View, Kingfisher Conference Room; St. Augustine, FL 32084. The second public hearing was held as the **Final Action** associated with the Substantial Amendment (see below).

FINAL ACTION: The Substantial Amendment to the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan Board was scheduled for Board action on July 16, 2019, at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, at 9:00 a.m., in the County Commission Chambers, 500 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, Florida 32084.

Thank you for reviewing the Substantial Amendment; upon your approval, the County will make the necessary changes to the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan in HUD's Integrated Disbursement and Information System.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Waldron, Chair