

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-408

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 2019-2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND SIGN A RELATED LETTER 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 remains responsive to community needs, as expressed by Stakeholders. Therefore, The County will make a Substantial Amendment to the 2019–2020 Annual Action Plan, per HUD regulations, to re-allocate unused funds from a Planning and Administration Project, in the amount of \$109,549. 27, as well as unused funds from an Economic Development Project, in the amount of \$744,212.00, to establish an Affordable Housing Project.

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.

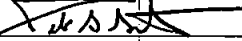
**Section 3.** The Board of County Commissioners authorizes the County Administrator, or his designee, to submit the Substantial Amendment to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan through HUD's Integrated Disbursement and Information System and sign and submit an accompanying letter to HUD.

**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 20 day of October 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS  
COUNTY

By:   
Jeb S. Smith, Chair

ATTEST: Brandon J. Patty, Clerk of Circuit Court and  
Comptroller

By:   
Deputy Clerk

RENDITION DATE 10/21/20





## St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners

Housing & Community Development

St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners  
500 San Sebastian View  
St. Augustine, FL 32084

October 20, 2020

Ms. Deidra Hembree  
Senior Community Planning and Development Representative  
US Department of Housing and Urban Development  
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 to 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 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan.

The need for this Substantial Amendment arose from discussions with community Stakeholders who advocated for options to increase the supply of affordable rental housing available for income-eligible citizens, as well as the need to re-allocate unused 2019-2020 Planning and Administration funds.

**SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT:** The Substantial Amendment 2019-2020 Action Plan will re-allocate \$109,549.27 from the Planning and Administration Project and add it to an Affordable Housing Project. Additionally, \$744,212 will be re-allocated from the Economic Development Project and added to the Affordable Housing Project.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AND FINAL ACTION:** In accordance with 24 CFR 91.105(c)(3), the proposed Substantial Amendment to the 2019-2020 Action Plan has been available for public review and comment in accordance with the County's Citizens Participation Plan and can also be viewed on the St. Johns County website:

<http://www.sjcf.us/Housing/index.aspx>. The Substantial Amendment to the 2019-2020 Action Plan was scheduled for Board action on October 20, 2020, 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 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan in HUD's Integrated Disbursement and Information System.

Sincerely,

Jeb S. Smith, Chair