

RESOLUTION NO. 2020- 411

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT TO THE U.S. DEPT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT THE APPROVED FY 2020-2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN, SF-424 UNIVERSAL APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATES FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT OCTOBER 1, 2020 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 CDBG ENTITLEMENT GRANT PROGRAM YEAR.

WHEREAS, on August 2, 2016 the Board of County Commissioners approved the St. Johns County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG Entitlement Program provides St. Johns County with an allocation of funds in the amount of \$995,329 for the 2020-2021 Program Year. As a prerequisite to approving the 2020-2021 allocation of CDBG funds for St Johns County, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires the submission of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Action Plan by November 23, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan is derived from the needs identified and goals established in the Board-approved 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan, the Housing and Community Development Division is requesting approval from the Board to submit the 2020-2021 Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

WHEREAS, when the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development makes the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 CDBG funds available to St. Johns County, these funds will become recognized and appropriated in the St. Johns County Budget for Fiscal Year 2021.

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 execute the attached SF-424 Universal Application and Certificates on behalf of the County.

Section 3. The Board of County Commissioners authorizes the County Administrator, or his designee, to submit an approved 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan, SF-424 Universal Application and Certificates to HUD on or before November 23, 2020 for the October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021 CDBG grant program year.

Section 4. The Board of County Commissioners grants authority for the County Administrator or his designee to implement, manage, and administer the approved HUD CDBG Entitlement Program.

Section 5. The Board of County Commissioners recognizes that approved projects are subject to the availability of funds and environmental review approvals, and authorizes the County Administrator or his designee to adjust projects that do not rise to the level of a substantial amendment, as defined in the St. Johns County Citizen Participation Plan, and to provide additional information to HUD as may be required.

Section 6. The County Administrator or his designee is identified as the official representative of the Grantee to sign all appropriate sub-recipient agreements for the use of funds approved in the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan for the October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021 CDBG grant program year.

Section 7. 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 8. 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

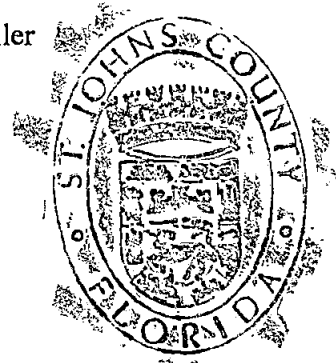
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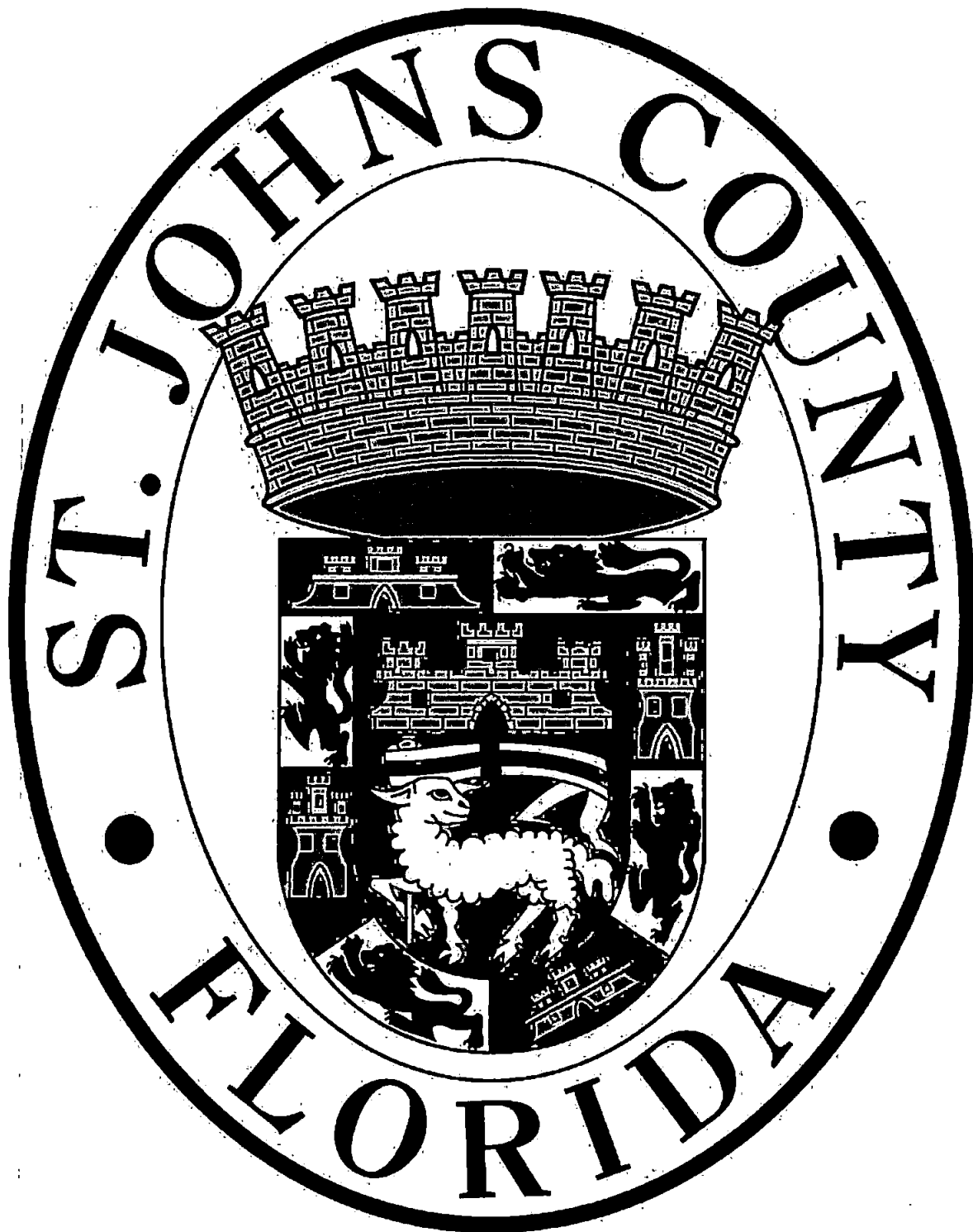
ATTEST: Brandon J. Patty, Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller

By: Sam Halterman

Deputy Clerk

RENDITION DATE 10/21/20





Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

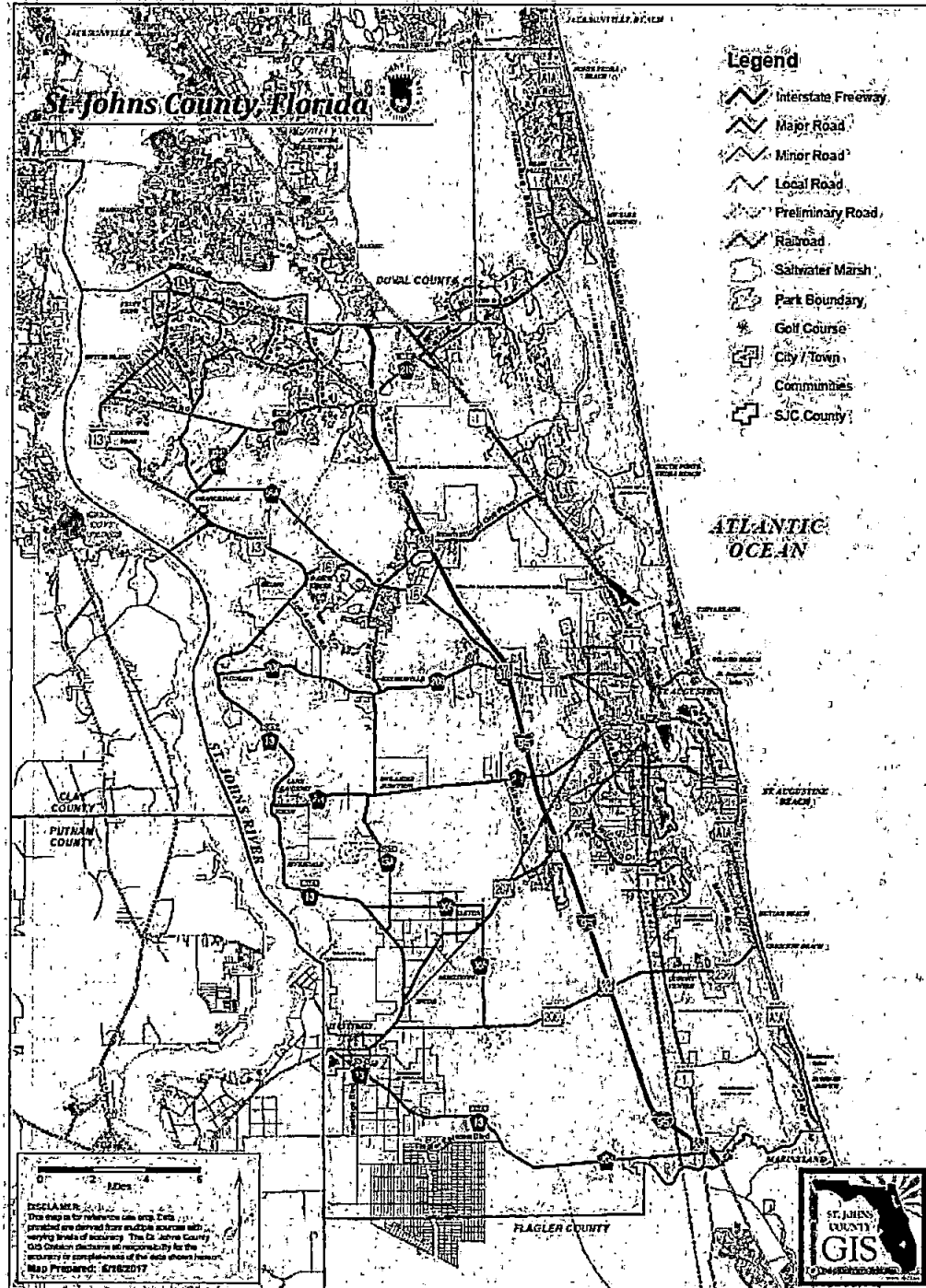
1. Introduction

This 2020 Annual Action Plan consists of information provided by St. Johns County, as required in 24 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 91 for the Community Planning and Development Programs administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It will provide an outline of anticipated resources, list priority needs, and goals, in accordance with the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan. This plan is the 5th annual year plan. This plan is updated annually, in accordance with the federal regulations and serves as a basis for assessing performance.

St. Johns County Housing & Community Development Division is responsible for administering the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

This Action Plan's goals and objectives are intended to be accomplished during the time period from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. The St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners is the entity responsible for approving the various activities outlined in this Action Plan.

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St. Johns County Map

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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Goal 1 – Affordable Rental Housing - Increase the supply of affordable rental housing in St. Johns County.

Goal 2 – Public Facilities or Infrastructure - Build or improve public infrastructure or facilities in low to moderate-income areas.

Goal 3 – Public Services - Public Services to assist eligible citizens with maintaining or obtaining adequate housing; this may include foreclosure prevention services, subsistence assistance with rent, down payments, and utilities, as well as case management services.

Goal 4 – Planning and Administration - HUD-approved administrative costs associated with establishing and maintaining a CDBG program.

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

St. Johns County was awarded the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds as an entitlement program in 2016. In the fall of 2016, during what should have been a period of time that the County began to initiate grant setup, Hurricane Matthew struck the eastern coast and was followed by Hurricane Irma in 2017. In addition to damage to businesses and homes in the community, the storms placed additional pressures on the day to day operations of the County. The County office that manages the CDBG program, Housing and Community Development, played a crucial role in the hurricane recovery process. In addition to applying for and acquiring an additional \$1.2 million in State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) funds for disaster relief, staff was also involved in crucial elements of outreach during both storms. All told, staff combined existing grant dollars during this time period and utilized approximately \$2,245,378 in SHIP funds to assist 109 households. A Housing Specialist was hired in 2017 to focus on CDBG and the County works with the Jacksonville HUD Field Office to expedite the expenditure of funds.

During the 2019-2020 program year, the County completed a storm-water drainage project in Service Area 1 of the West Augustine neighborhood; this project was funded in FY 16-17. The County executed

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a contract with a Subrecipient that will conduct countywide housing rehabilitation for income-eligible homeowners; this project will utilize funds from FY 16-17 and FY 17-18. A Subrecipient using FY 17-18 funds is operating a tutorial and enrichment program for students in West Augustine.

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With funds from FY 18-19, the County purchased three houses on behalf of non-profit organizations who will use the homes for affordable rental units for income-eligible families. Two of these houses have been rehabilitated and rented, while the third home continues to undergo extensive rehabilitation. A fourth home, which is used for housing of families that have experienced homelessness, is also being rehabilitated with FY18-19 funds. FY 18-19 funds were used to continue the operation of a public service project aimed at assisting homeless families and those who are at risk of becoming homeless, by providing subsistence payments and case management. Memorandums of Understanding have been established to provide upgrades to public parks in two different low-to-moderate income areas, with funds from FY 18-19.

Projects undertaken during the 2019-2020 Program Year:

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- The County began the Environmental Reviews for three affordable housing projects in the 19 -20 AAP. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was decided to put these projects on hold.

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During County Fiscal Year 2018-2019, 42 homes were rehabilitated and 67 households were assisted by the County's SHIP-funded Housing Counselor, which in turn led to the purchase of 19 housing units. Both of these activities were initiated utilizing SHIP funds distributed by the State of Florida.

St. Johns County also provides an Independent Agency Funding grant through the general fund utilizing an RFP process. For FY 19-20, \$2,299,450 was committed to 11 non-profits (Alpha Omega Miracle Home, Betty Griffin House, Betty Griffin House-Hope Program, EPIC Drug Court-Adult Substance Abuse Program, EPIC-SJC Intensive Care Coordination, EPIC-Detoxification Center, Good Samaritan Health Centers, SJC Council on Aging for OAA and CCE Programs, Emergency Services Homeless Coalition, St. Francis House, St. Augustine Youth Services-Community Action Team, St. Augustine Youth Services-Mobile Crisis Response Team, Early Learning Coalition of Putnam and St. Johns, SJC Welfare Federation, SMA Behavioral Health Services, and the St. Johns Housing Partnership) for addressing homelessness, affordable housing, and social service needs in St. Johns County.

The County currently funds homeless prevention and rapid re-housing activities through its Social Services Division. The Social Services Division receives and matches Emergency Solution Grant (ESG), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and Challenge grant funds to aid in the prevention of homelessness. During FY 19-20, the County utilized ESG to assist 30 low-income households, TANF to assist 15 low-income households, and the Challenge Grant to assist 10 low-income households. The County has allocated more than \$500,000 annually, in salary and benefits for staff to carry out re-housing and homeless prevention-related activities, \$62,000, which thus far has assisted 35 households with direct rental assistance costs, and \$17,500 in direct financial assistance, used to assist 15 households with utility assistance, thus far. Both services are funded directly from general revenue to assist households in crisis.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

St. Johns County developed a Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), approved by the Board of County Commissioners in 2016, to guide the public process of developing the St. Johns County Consolidated and Action Plan. This Citizen Participation Plan was noticed in the local newspaper and published on the County website for a 30 day review and comment period. The CPP required no less than two public hearings to gather citizen input on housing and community development programs funded by the CDBG program. The County sought public participation and input as outlined in the CPP and as follows:

- One public hearing held in association with the Board of County Commissioners' regularly scheduled meeting as well as another public hearing held at the St. Johns Health & Human Services Building, 200 San Sebastian View, Suite 2300, St. Augustine, FL 32084.

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- Twelve public hearings, including two technical trainings, and one separate, requested public technical training/meeting, were held throughout all areas of the County. The schedule of these hearings was published in the local newspaper and posted on the County website, as well as announced at a number of regularly scheduled community agency meetings that occurred prior to the public hearings. In 2017, The Housing & Community Development offices started an email list designed to notify neighborhood leaders of different community opportunities and a schedule of the meetings is always distributed to this list. St. Johns County utilized different types of media to notify the public of meetings and events associated with CDBG, such as the County's local broadcasting station (GTV), as well as social media sites such as Twitter and Facebook.
- An electronic survey was created to gather citizen and stakeholder input to help determine what programs/projects should be funded. The survey and the notice associated with it was published on the County website for approximately 3 months. A notice of the survey was also published in the local newspaper and distributed via The Housing & Community Development email list. Paper copies of the survey were made available at various community hearings and at the St. Johns County Health and Human Services offices.
- Staff met with stakeholders and community members and attended local meetings to educate citizens on the consolidated planning process and to encourage citizen participation and input.
- A draft copy of the Annual Action Plan will be made available to the public for a 30 day review and comment period.

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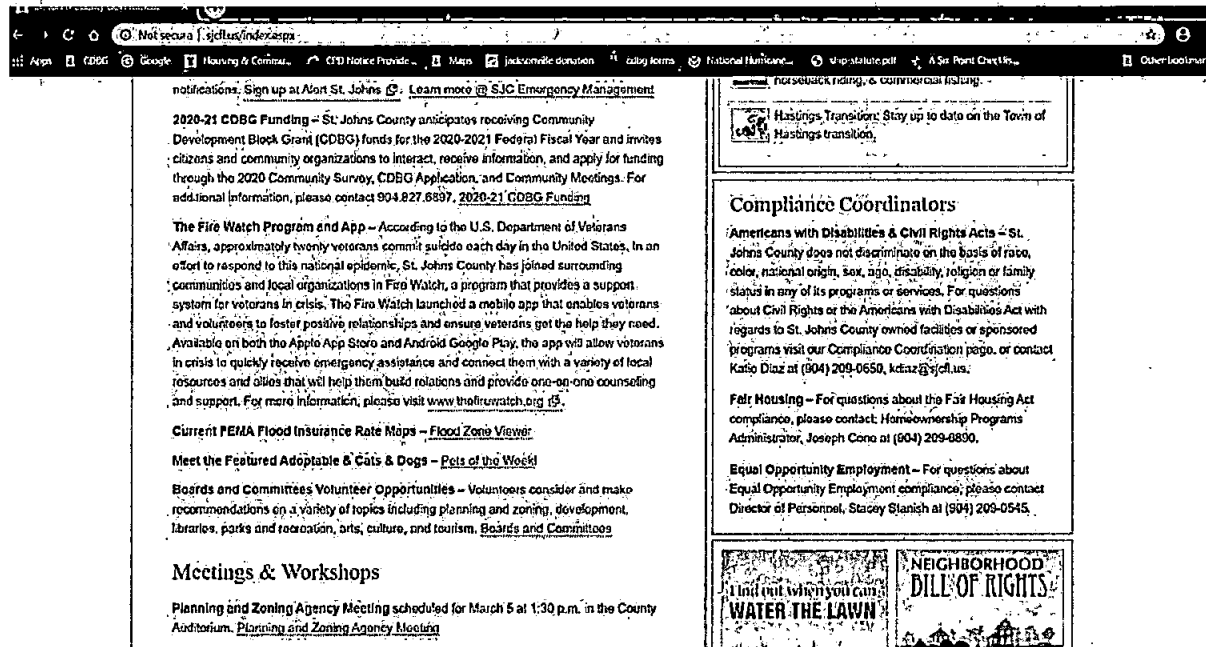
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2020 Meeting Schedule

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St. Johns County 2020-21 CDBG Funding

St. Johns County anticipates receiving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the 2020-2021 Federal Fiscal Year and invites citizens and community organizations to interact, receive information, and apply for funding in the following ways:

- **Survey** – The first step in planning for this new year of funding is inviting citizens to provide their input on the housing and community development needs of the County. Please take a moment to share your opinions: 2020 Community Survey
[<http://www.sjcfl.us/Housing/media/2020CDBGSurvey.pdf>]
- **CDBG Application** – Through the application process, the County makes CDBG funds available to eligible community organizations. The 2020 Application is now available. Completed applications are due on April 17, 2020. 2020 CDBG Application & Instructions [<http://www.sjcfl.us/.../m.../2020CDBGApplicationInstructions.pdf>]
- **Community Meetings** – Several meetings are planned in locations across the County for the purpose of providing information about the CDBG program and learning about the needs of local communities. At these meetings, the Community Survey and CDBG applications will be available. In addition to information on the County's CDBG program, information will be presented on the CDBG-Disaster Recovery program, known as Restore St. Johns. More information about Restore St. Johns can be found at www.sjcfl.us/restore.
2020 Community Meeting Schedule
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For additional information, please contact [904.827.6897](tel:9048276897).

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Restore St. Johns: St. Johns County Hurricane Housing Recovery Program

Restore St. Johns is a County-based housing recovery program to help eligible St. Johns County homeowners who experienced home damage...

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2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
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For additional information, please contact ghf@sjcl.us, (904) 827-6657.

Community Development Block Grant Program

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is a flexible program that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs. Beginning in 1974, the CDBG program is one of the longest continuously run programs of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The CDBG program provides annual grants on a formula basis to 1209 general units of local government and States. St. Johns County, in cooperation with the City of St. Augustine Beach, met the population requirement in 2015 to be considered an Entitlement Community by HUD. The CDBG entitlement program allocates annual grants to larger cities and urban counties to develop viable communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and opportunities to expand economic opportunities, primarily for low- and moderate-income persons.

All files are in Adobe Acrobat PDF format.

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- [2020 CDBG Public Notice](#)
- [2020 Community Survey](#)
- [2020 CDBG Application & Instructions](#)
- [2020 Community Meeting Schedule](#)

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SHIP FY 2019 Annual Report – The 2019 Annual SHIP Report is complete and available for public review. [SHIP FY 2019 Annual Report](#)

Disposition of CRA Properties – Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals from private redevelopers or any persons interested in undertaking to redevelop or rehabilitate a part of the CRA will be received until 3 p.m., Monday, March 9, 2020. [Disposition of CRA Properties Details](#)

2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – St. Johns County anticipates receiving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the 2020-2021 Federal Fiscal Year. [2020 CDBG Details](#)

Notice of Availability of SHIP Funds – St. Johns County is estimated to receive \$434,655.00 through the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program during Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020). The County's Local Housing Assistance Plan includes assistance strategies designed to increase homeownership opportunities and preserve the housing stock. [Notice of Availability of SHIP Funds](#)

St. Johns County Housing Counseling Program is granted HUD (Housing and Urban Development) Approval as a certified Housing Counseling Program. For the past several years St. Johns County Health and Human Services has been moving forward to provide St. Johns County residents the availability of housing and credit counseling based on HUD (Housing and Urban Development) standards. In December of 2018, the Department received this approval. If you like more information on the program, or to register, please visit [SHIP](#)

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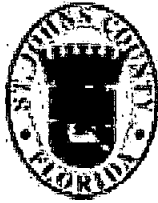
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Housing & Community Development

Public Notice

St. Johns County Community Development Block Grant Funding, Survey, Meetings, and Application

St. Johns County is giving public notice that it anticipates receiving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the 2020-2021 Federal Fiscal Year.

St. Johns County receives CDBG funds as an entitlement community. The CDBG program is administered through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the benefit of low-to-moderate income residents. St. Johns County may use CDBG funds within the unincorporated areas of the County and within the city limits of St. Augustine Beach. The development and approval of a Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans are requirements of receiving CDBG funds.

In accordance with the County's Citizen Participation Plan, citizens are encouraged to participate in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the CDBG program. Preparing for the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan involves holding community meetings, a survey of community priorities, a process for soliciting CDBG applications from the community, and application scoring and selection. Through the application process, the County makes a portion of CDBG funds available to the community.

The 2020 Community Meeting Schedule is posted below. At these meetings, information will be provided about the CDBG program; and the Community Survey and CDBG applications will be available to the public. In addition to information on the County's CDBG program, information will be presented on the CDBG-Disaster Recovery program, known as Restore St. Johns. Staff will be available to provide information and program updates to homeowners who have unmet needs related to Hurricane Matthew. More information about Restore St. Johns can be found at: www.sicfl.us/restore.

The 2020 Community Survey and the 2020-2021 CDBG application are also available on the County website at: <http://www.sicfl.us/Housing/CDBG.aspx>. A paper copy of the survey and application may be obtained Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM at the Health and Human Services Department, Suite 2300, 200 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084.

The 2020 Community Survey will close on April 17, 2020. All 2020-2021 CDBG applications

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must be submitted, as per application instructions, by 4:00 PM on April 17, 2020. Applications will be evaluated and scored by an independent committee at a public meeting at 3:00 PM on May 1, 2020, in the Kingfisher Conference Room, Health and Human Services, 200 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084. Additional information about the CDBG program can be obtained by calling 904-827-6897 or contacting: glulkoski@sjcfl.us.

At this time, HUD has not informed the County of the amount of CDBG funds that will be available for the 2020-2021 Federal Fiscal Year. For the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year, HUD allocated \$930,264 for St. Johns County. Funds for the 2020-2021 Federal Fiscal Year are not expected to be available until after November 2020.

The County is not obligated to award all funds available during a particular grant cycle. The County reserves the right to reject any and all applications submitted, on the basis that proposed projects do not meet the regulations of the CDBG program, or are not submitted according to instructions or by the submission deadline. HUD prohibits the use of these funds for projects within the city limits of St. Augustine, due to other sources of funding available to the City. Eligible organizations desiring to submit an application for funding must have a representative of the organization attend one of two technical assistance workshops (dates, times, and location are stated below).

Projects proposed in CDBG applications must be aligned with a priority stated in St. Johns County's Five Year Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan includes a discussion of local needs and strategies to meet those needs. The Consolidated Plan was developed with participation from County staff, elected officials, affordable housing and social service providers, and local citizens. As a result of this process, the following priorities were developed:

Priority #1 - Rehabilitation of existing Housing: focus on improving health and safety, code violations, accessibility and sustainability for extremely low-to-moderate income residents below 50% AMI (including but not limited to residents who are elderly, disabled, and veterans).

Priority #2 - Public Facilities and Infrastructure: provision of adequate public facilities and infrastructure to assure the efficient levels of service and enhance the livability of low-to-moderate income neighborhoods.

Priority #3 - Public Services: enhance the living environment of the targeted area by addressing basic needs that were unmet due to economic disparity.

Priority #4 - Homeless Assistance: provide housing and support services to assist individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Priority #5 - Affordable Housing: Increase the supply of affordable rental housing available to very low, low, and moderate income residents as well as veterans, elderly, disabled, and homeless persons through new construction or acquisition.

The current Citizens Action Plan, Consolidated Plan, and Annual Action Plan are available for review Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM at the Health and Human Services Department at 200 San Sebastian View, Suite 2300. The documents can also be viewed on the St. Johns County website: <http://www.sjcfl.us/Housing/CDBG.aspx>.

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Before the undersigned authority personally appeared **MICHAEL RICHETTI** who on oath says he/she is an Employee of the St. Augustine Record, a daily newspaper published in St. Augustine in St. Johns County, Florida, and the attached copy of advertisement being a SA Note Mine in the matter of **COBC PLANNING AND EVALUATION** was published in said newspaper on 01/28/2020.

Affiant further says that the St. Augustine Record is a newspaper published in St. Augustine, in St. Johns County, Florida, and that the said newspaper heretofore has been continuously published in said St. Johns County, Florida each day, and has been entered in second class mail matter at the post office in the City of St. Augustine, in said St. Johns County, Florida for a period of one year preceding the first publication of the attached copy of advertisement, and affiant further says the affiant has neither paid nor promised any person, firm or corporation any discount, rebate, credit, or reward for the purpose of securing this advertisement for publication in said newspaper.

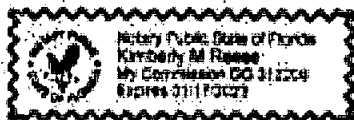
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Public Notice



St. Johns County Community Participation Board Grant
Application, Review, and Approval

A public notice is hereby given that the St. Johns County Community Participation Board Grant Application Review and Approval Committee will meet on the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year.

The Board will review and approve or disapprove applications for grants to fund community development projects in the County. The Board will also review and approve or disapprove applications for grants to fund community development projects in the County. The Board will also review and approve or disapprove applications for grants to fund community development projects in the County.

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Public Notice-Proof of Publication

St. Johns County News Service
St. Augustine Record
February 6, 2020

The Democratic National Convention will take place July 13-16 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

For Democrats who want to become delegates, the St. Johns Democratic Party will host an information session from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday at Democratic Headquarters at 71 South Dixie Highway, Suite 6, in St. Augustine.

For information or to register, call 825-2336 or go to stjohnsdemocraticparty.org.

Update on voting by mail

Voters who have requested vote-by-mail ballots will receive them soon for the March 17 presidential preference primary election, according to the St. Johns County supervisor of elections.

Because of a law change, vote-by-mail drop boxes will only be available during early voting from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 7-14 at early voting locations. But a 24 hour drop box is available in front of the supervisor of elections office.

Drop boxes will no longer be available at all public libraries, tax collector's offices in Jolington Creek and Ponte Vedra Beach or St. Augustine Beach City Hall.

In order to be counted, vote by mail ballots must be returned to the supervisor of elections office by 7 p.m. on election day.

For information go to votesjc.com or call the supervisor of elections office at 823-2238.

Pie in the Sky founder to speak

The Enterprising Women's Leadership Institute will host Pie in the Sky Founder and Director Malesa Gurjiba at 11:30 a.m. on Feb. 20 upstairs at the Columbia Restaurant on St. George Street in St. Augustine.

Pie in the Sky delivers food to hundreds of low-income seniors, and the organization has 35 seniors on a waiting list, according to a news release about the event.

The event is open to anyone, including non-members of the group. The event is free. Food won't be provided, but people can order off the menu.

Reservations are encouraged to guarantee a seat. Contact Margaret Wiles at mawiles@bellsouth.net for reservations.

County invites participation in grants

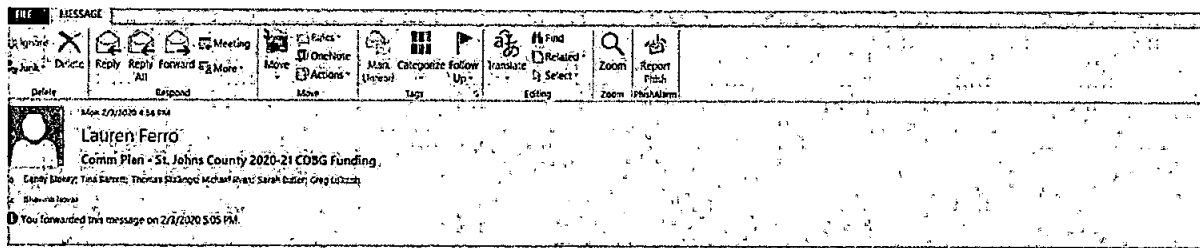
St. Johns County expects to receive federal Community Development Block Grant funds and is inviting county residents to apply for help, get more information and provide feedback.

- People can weigh in on the housing and community development needs in the county by taking the survey at sjcfl.us/Housing/media/2020CDBGSurvey.pdf.
- Grant funding will be available for eligible community organizations. The application is at sjcfl.us/Housing/media/2020CDBGApplicationInstructions.pdf. Applications are due on April 17.
- Officials will provide information about the grants, and also offer the survey and applications, at community meetings. The next meeting will be at 1 p.m. on Feb. 18 at the Collier-Blocker-Puryear Park Community Center at 10 North Holmes Blvd. in St. Augustine.

For information call 827-6897.

Article in Local Publication

Proposed 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan



Please post the below language in the following locations, with the attached graphics:

- Website - Front Page, CDBG page, all other appropriate locations
- CTV - Bulletin Board
- Facebook - County
- Twitter - County
- Newsletter - County
- BCC Friday Update
- MIC Today Radio Show
- BCC Newsletters
- Media Release - Press Release

St. Johns County 2020-21 CDBG Funding

St. Johns County anticipates receiving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the 2020-2021 Federal Fiscal Year and invites citizens and community organizations to interact, receive information, and apply for funding in the following ways:

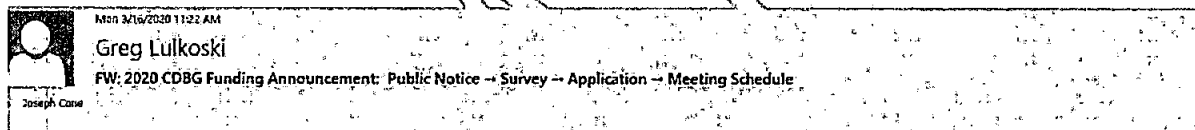
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- **Community Meetings** - Several meetings are planned in locations across the County for the purpose of providing information about the CDBG program and learning about the needs of local communities. At these meetings, the Community Survey and CDBG applications will be available. In addition to information on the County's CDBG program, information will be presented on the CDBG-Disaster Recovery program, known as *ReStore St. Johns*. More information about *ReStore St. Johns* can be found at: [www.stjohnsfla.gov/restore](#). [2020 Community Meeting Schedule](#)

For additional information, please contact 904.827.6491.

Thank you,

Lauren Ferro
Communications Specialist
St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners
300 San Sebastian Way, St. Augustine, FL 32084
Office (904) 209-0573 | Mobile (904) 547-9977

PIO Outreach



From: Greg Lulkoski
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2020 11:22 AM
To: Joseph Case
Subject: FW: 2020 CDBG Funding Announcement: Public Notice -> Survey -> Application -> Meeting Schedule

Re: St. Johns County anticipates receiving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the 2020-2021 Federal Fiscal Year. [2020 CDBG Public Notice](#)

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Please contact me if additional information is needed.

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Housing & Community Services Director
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Reminder: Applications for CDBG funding are available – due date is April 17, 2020 (by 4PM).

Requirement: A representative from each organization planning to submit an application must attend a Technical Assistance Workshop.

A Technical Assistance Workshop date has been added to the schedule, as follows:

March 13, 2020 – Technical Assistance Workshop

- 12:00 – 1:00 PM
- Kingfather Conference Room
Health & Human Services Building
200 San Sebastian View
St. Augustine, FL 32084

Full 2020-2021 CDBG Announcement:

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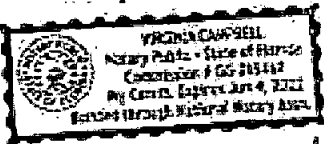
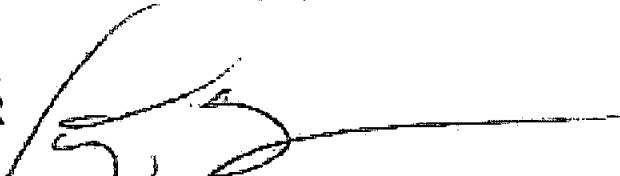
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Outreach Email 2

Public Notice of the 2020-2021 CDBG Funding, Survey, and Public Meetings
Posted at 5 Locations + CDBG Webpage on January 28, 2020

Posted in the St. Johns County Social Services Lobby, Posted at the Solomon Calhoun Community Center Posted at the Main Branch Library Posted at the St. Johns County Courthouse Posted at the Hastings Branch Library	
Posted on the St. Johns County website on January 28, 2020 http://www.stjohns.net/Hastings/CDBG.aspx	Published in the St. Augustine Record on January 28, 2020 http://www.staugustine.com/
Public Notice of the 2020-2021 CDBG Funding, Survey, and Public Meetings (pictured above at five locations and on the CDBG webpage) was posted on January 28, 2020, and published in the St. Augustine Record on January 28, 2020. Signed to me on this 30th day of January 2020, by Gregory Lukaski, who is personally known to me. Signature of Notary:  Seal: 	

Public Postings

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St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners

Housing & Community Development

Public Notice

**Proposal to Use Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding
to Mitigate Economic Impacts Caused by COVID-19
by Establishing a Small Business Recovery Program
and Proposed Amendments to the Citizen Participation Plan,
2016-2020 Consolidated Plan, and the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan.**

St. Johns County hereby gives public notice of a proposal to mitigate the economic impact caused by COVID-19 by establishing a CDBG-funded Small Business Recovery Program. The US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides St. Johns County with an annual allocation of CDBG funding that can be used for a variety of community development needs. In addition to the annual CDBG allocation, in April 2020, HUD made available to the County supplemental funding to be used specifically for the purpose of preventing, preparing for, and responding to coronavirus.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) is the Federal legislation that makes supplemental CDBG funding available and specifies the requirements for the use of this funding. This supplemental funding is referred to as CDBG-CV. Additionally, the CARES Act provides the County with flexibilities that make it easier to use CDBG-CV grants, as well as fiscal years 2019 and 2020 CDBG Grants, for response to COVID-19. A Public Notice published on April 11, 2020 stated that the County reserved the right to use flexibilities offered by HUD, if those flexibilities aided the County in being more agile and efficient in its response to COVID-19.

To address the HUD-approved flexibilities resulting from the CARES Act, St. Johns County proposes to add the following two paragraphs to page 11 of the Citizens Participation Plan:

During times of Federal or State declared emergencies, the County reserves the right to use any waivers, flexibilities, or provisions granted by HUD, when such provisions are aimed at increasing the County's flexibility or efficiency to respond to emergency situations and to expedite the use of grant funds.

In response to the COVID-19 crisis, HUD approved waivers to certain requirements to allow the County to safely and rapidly respond to the crisis. One HUD-approved waiver the County reserves the right to use is limiting public meetings held for the purpose of informing citizens about the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the CDBG program and soliciting questions and comments from the public. Limiting public meetings is intended to reduce the spread of COVID-19 during gatherings of people. Another HUD-approved waiver the County reserves the right to use is reducing the Public Comment period for substantial amendments to the Consolidated Plan

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and Annual Action Plan from 30 days to no less than 5 days. This waiver is intended to make the County more agile in implementing activities in response to the COVID-19 crisis.

The County proposes to establish a CDBG-funded Small Business Recovery Program to offer grants and/or loans to small businesses located in St. Johns County. The program is intended to assist eligible business with capital expenses, such as payroll and rent, with the intended result of retaining jobs and retaining tax-paying businesses; thereby, mitigating the economic impact of COVID-19 on the citizens of St. Johns County.

The County proposes to use the following grant funds, totaling \$2,125,994, to operate the CDBG-funded Small Business Recovery Program:

- \$585,519 allocated through CDBG-CV
- \$744,212 from the 2019 CDBG allocation
- \$796,263 from the 2020 CDBG allocation

Funds from the 2019 CDBG allocation will be made available for the CDBG-funded Small Business Recovery Program by repurposing funds that had been originally reserved to support affordable housing projects. This decision is based on the extreme negative impact that the COVID-19 crisis is expected to have on our citizens and the local economy. Affordable Housing remains a priority goal for the County; therefore, alternative methods of funding these Affordable Housing projects with future CDBG funds will be considered.

For the County to establish the CDBG-funded Small Business Recovery Program, a substantial amendment to the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan and a substantial amendment to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan must be made, as outlined and required in the County's Citizens Participation Plan.

The County proposes to amend the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan by adding a Priority Goal for Economic Development. The County proposes to amend the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan by adding a Goal and Project for Economic Development. The proposed goal for Economic Development is supported by section 105(a)(17) (42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(17)); 24 CFR 570.203(b), which authorizes provision of assistance to private, for-profit entities, when appropriate to carry out an economic development project.

In accordance with the County's Citizen Participation Plan, citizens are encouraged to participate in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the CDBG program. Citizens are encouraged to comment on the use of the waivers mentioned above as well as the proposed amendment to the Citizens Participation Plan and the proposed substantial amendments to the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan, and 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan.

All questions and comments related to the CDBG program may be mailed to 200 San Sebastian View, Suite 2300, St. Augustine, FL 32084, or emailed to housing@sjcfl.us, or given verbally by calling 904-827-6890. A written response will be given within 15 days, to all written questions or comments received.

Current versions of the Citizens Participation Plan, 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan, and the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan can be viewed at <http://www.sjcfl.us/housing/CDBG.aspx>. The drafts containing the proposed amendments to Citizens Participation Plan, 2016-2020 Consolidated

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Plan, and the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan can also be viewed at <http://www.sjcfi.us/Housing/CDBG.aspx>.

Final action will be taken on the proposed amendments to the Citizens Participation Plan, the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan, and the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan, at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of County Commissioners to be held at 9:00 a.m. on May 5, 2020. These amendments will provide the authority for the County to pursue the development and implementation of the CDBG-funded Small Business Recovery Program.

Meetings of the Board of County Commissioners take place in the County Auditorium, located at 500 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084. Citizens may offer public comments at this meeting. Accommodations have been made to provide for social distancing at meetings of the Board of County Commissioners. Citizens may also offer public comments about the proposed actions via telephone, during this meeting, by calling 904-209-1265. Additional information about call-in participation during County meetings can be found at: <http://www.sjcfi.us/media/MeetingsCV-19.pdf>. Meetings can be viewed on Comcast cable channel 3, or online at <http://www.sjcfi.us/GTV>.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in the CDBG program or in public meetings should contact the ADA Coordinator at 904-209-0650. Deaf and/or hard-of-hearing individuals may use Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD): 904-209-0650, or the Florida Relay Service: 800-955-8770. CDBG information is provided in English; the Board of County Commissioners' meeting will also be conducted in English. If you require a translator, please call 904-209-0650. To request services, please notify the County at least five business days prior to need for services.



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St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners

Office of the County Administrator

Proposed Substantial Amendments to the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan and 2019 Annual Action Plan

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) is Federal legislation that makes supplemental CDBG funding available and specifies the requirements for the use of this funding. This supplemental funding is referred to as CDBG-CV. Through the CARES Act, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded St. Johns County \$585,519.

The County proposes to use CDBG-CV funds, as well as 2019 and 2020 CDBG funds, to establish a CDBG-funded Small Business Recovery Program to offer grants and/or loans to small businesses located in St. Johns County. The program is intended to assist eligible businesses with capital expenses, such as payroll and rent, with the intended result of retaining jobs and retaining tax-paying business; thereby, mitigating the economic impact of COVID-19 on the citizens of St. Johns County.

To receive CDBG-CV funds, the County must make a substantial amendment to the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan and the 2019-2020 Action Plan; these amendments are also necessary to repurpose 2019 funds from other projects and add those funds to the CDBG-funded Small Business Recovery Program. The County has not yet applied for 2020 CDBG funds.

The Substantial Amendment to the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan will include the following actions:

- 1.) Adding a seventh goal and description, for Economic Development, to SP-45 Goals Summary -- 91.215(a)(4)

The Substantial Amendment to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan will include the following actions:

- 2.) Adding a fifth goal, for Economic Development, to AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives
- 3.) Adding a fifth project, for Economic Development, AP-35 Projects -- 91.220(d).
- 4.) Adding a fifth project and description, for Economic Development, to AP-38 Project Summary
- 5.) The total 2019 funding for the Economic Development project will be \$1,329,731 (\$744,212 will be repurposed from other 2019 projects plus the CDBG-CV allocation of \$585,519).

The wording of the amended portions of the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan can be seen below:

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Amend to 2019, Consolidate Plan, mentions 2020-1

Amend to 2019, Consolidate Plan, mentions 2020-3

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St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners

Housing & Community Development

Public Notice

**Public Notice of Intent to Use Waivers of
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Requirements
to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19,
Mitigate Economic Impacts Caused by COVID-19,
and the Extension of the CDBG Application Deadline**

St. Johns County hereby gives public notice that it reserves the right to use waivers approved by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regarding the administration of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Public Notice is also given that the due date for the submission of the 2020-2021 CDBG application has been extended.

The waivers approved by HUD were made available to entitlement communities, such as St. Johns County, for the purpose of preventing the spread of COVID-19 and to pursue options to mitigate the economic impacts caused by COVID-19.

The CDBG program is administered through HUD, for the benefit of low-to-moderate income residents. The development and approval of a Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans are requirements of receiving CDBG funds.

In accordance with the County's Citizen Participation Plan, citizens are encouraged to participate in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the CDBG program. The Citizens Participation Plan also states that the County will provide a thirty-day public notice prior to making a substantial amendment to the Consolidated Plan.

One approved waiver the County reserves the right to use is limiting public meetings held for the purpose of informing citizens about the planning, implementation, and evaluation of all aspects of the CDBG program and soliciting questions and comments from the public. Suspending public meetings is intended to reduce the spread of COVID-19 during gatherings of people. The public is encouraged to continue to ask questions and provide comments on all facets of the CDBG program via US mail, email, and phone calls.

All questions and comments related to the CDBG program may be mailed to 200 San Sebastian View, Suite 2300, St. Augustine, FL 32084, or emailed to glukoski@sjcfl.us, or given by calling 904-827-6890.

Another approved waiver the County reserves the right to use is reducing the Public Comment period for substantial amendments to the Consolidated Plan from 30 days to 5 days. This waiver

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is intended to make the County more agile in implementing activities in response to the COVID-19 crisis.

At this time, the County is preparing for the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan. Through the application process, the County makes a portion of CDBG funds available to the community. On January 28, 2020, the County announced a process for soliciting CDBG applications and a process for scoring and selection of applications to be funded.

The due date for CDBG applications has now been extended to 4 PM on May 1, 2020. As stated in the application instructions, in order for an organization to be eligible to submit an application, a representative of that organization must attend a scheduled technical assistance workshop. All technical assistance workshops for 2020 have been concluded. The County reserves the right to make additional modifications to this deadline in response to COVID-19.

Applications received by the deadline will be evaluated and scored by a committee. The meeting to evaluate applications has been postponed to 3 PM on May 15. Typically, this type of evaluation meeting is a public meeting. However, the County reserves the right to utilize the waiver mentioned above to suspend the public meeting, in an effort to reduce the spread of communicable disease. All documents related to the evaluation and scoring meeting are public records available to the public, upon request. The County also reserves the right to make additional modifications to this deadline and requirements associated with this deadline in response to COVID-19.

As stated in the public notice issued on January 28, 2020, the County is not obligated to award all funds available during a particular grant cycle. The County also reserves the right to reject any and all applications submitted and may use its discretion to determine the amount of funds to be made available to respond to the COVID-19 crisis. At this time, no decisions have been made about the use of CDBG funds and/or the use of applicable waivers to mitigate the impact of COVID-19. By the methods described above, the community is encouraged to ask questions and provide comments on this and all actions related to the CDBG program.

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St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners

Housing & Community Development

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As you may be aware, County Administration has been giving regular Covid Response presentations to the Board of County Commissioners and CDBG Entitlement allocations have been part of those discussions. As part of the County's response to COVID-19, a decision has been made to utilize 2020-2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to assist our residents and businesses. This unprecedented public health crisis has created a situation which requires constant evaluation of available County resources and how to best utilize them to solve the complex problems our County is now facing.

The St. Johns County Housing and Community Development Department has received numerous inquiries in recent weeks as to whether or not we will continue to accept project applications for the 2020-2021 CDBG Program year. Our present plan is to continue to accept applications with the current due date of Friday, May 1, by 4 PM. The current plan is to move forward with scoring the project applications as scheduled and in the event that any changes take place with the current plan for funds, we will reevaluate the submitted applications and fund them as circumstances and opportunities present themselves.

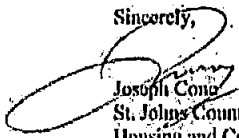
All submitted applications will be good for two funding cycles, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.

As noted above, we are all in unprecedented territory. The County continues to strive toward supporting programs that can best respond to the needs of the residents and community during these challenging times.

The Housing & Community Development Department will do its best to notify you and your organizations quickly of any changes that may occur regarding CDBG Entitlement funds. As always, it is our intention to continue make ourselves available to serve you to the best of our ability during this time. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Lulkoski (glulkoski@sjcf.us; 827-6897).

I hope you and your families continue to find peace, happiness, and healthiness during these challenging times.

Sincerely,


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The Back to Business Grant Application closed at 5 PM on June 1, 2020. All applicants will be informed of the status of their application, as soon as funding decisions have been finalized. We apologize for the delay. If further assistance is needed, you may send an email to bl@stjohns.us. [Small Business Recovery Program](#)

[Update on 2020-2021 Applications & Funding](#) - Issued April 29, 2020.

[Small Business Recovery Program](#) - A CDBG Funded Small Business Recovery Program has been proposed to mitigate the economic impact of the COVID-19 crisis. The program would provide funding to local businesses for capital expenses such as rent and payroll. Creating this new program involves amendments to the Citizen Participation Plan, 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan, and 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan. [Small Business Recovery Program Public Notice](#)

[2016-2020 Consolidated Plan and 2019 Annual Action Plan Proposed Substantial Amendments](#) - The County proposes to use CDBG CV funds, as well as 2019 and 2020 CDBG funds, to establish a CDBG funded Small Business Recovery Program. To receive CDBG CV funds, the County must make a substantial amendment to the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan and the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan. These amendments are also necessary to reprogram 2019 funds from other projects and add those funds to the CDBG funded Small Business Recovery Program. [Proposed Substantial Amendments](#)

[2020 CDBG Application and Evaluation Meeting Postponed](#) - St. Johns County announces that the CDBG program reserves the right to use waivers afforded by HUD to respond to the COVID-19 crisis. The due date of the 2020 CDBG Application and Evaluation Meeting has been postponed to May 1 and May 15, respectively. [CDBG Application and Evaluation Meeting Postponement Public Notice](#)

[2020 Community Development Block Grant \(CDBG\)](#)

St. Johns County anticipates receiving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the 2020-2021 Federal Fiscal Year. [2020 CDBG Public Notice](#)

- [Survey](#) - The first step in planning for this new year of funding is inviting citizens to provide their input on the housing and community development needs of the County. Please take a moment to share your opinions and fill out our [2020 Community Survey \(Fillable PDF\)](#).
- [CDBG Application](#) - Through the application process, the County makes CDBG funds available to eligible community organizations. The 2020 Application is now available. Completed applications are due on May 1, 2020. [2020 CDBG Application & Instructions](#)
- [Community Meetings](#) - Several meetings are planned in locations across the County, for the purpose of providing information about the CDBG program and learning about the needs of local communities. At these meetings, the Community Survey and CDBG applications will be available. [2020 Community Meeting Schedule](#)

For additional information, please contact gl@stjohns.us, (904) 627-6897.

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For additional information, please contact gafford@stjohns-fl.us, (904) 827-8857.

Community Development Block Grant Program

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is a flexible program that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs. Beginning in 1974, the CDBG program is one of the largest continuously run programs at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The CDBG program provides annual grants on a formula basis to 1203 general units of local government and States. St. Johns County, in cooperation with the City of St. Augustine, meets the population requirement in 2015 to be considered an Entitlement Community by HUD. The CDBG entitlement program allocates annual grants to large cities and urban counties to develop viable communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and opportunities to expand economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.

All files are in Adobe Acrobat PDF format

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- 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan CARES ACT Amendment
- 2019-2020 Consolidated Plan CARES ACT Amendment
- Update on 2020-2021 Applications & Funding – Issued April 29, 2020
- Small Business Recovery Program Public Notice
- Citizen Participation Plan Proposed Amendment – Draft
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- 2020 Community Meeting Schedule

2019

- 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan
- 2018 CAPER – Public Notice
- 2018-2019 CAPER
- 2018-2020 Consolidated Plan – Updated August 2019
- 2018-2017 Annual Action Plan – Public Notice
- 2018-2017 Annual Action Plan Proposed Changes
- Citizen Participation Plan – Public Notice
- Citizen Participation Plan – Amendment Draft
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- Substantial Amendment to the 2018 Annual Action Plan – Public Notice
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- Proposed 2019-2020 Action Plan – Public Notice
- Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice – Public Notice
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**Public Notice of Intent to Use Waivers of
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Requirements
to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19,
Mitigate Economic Impacts Caused by COVID-19,
and the Extension of the CDBG Application Deadline**

St. Johns County hereby gives public notice that it reserves the right to use waivers approved by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regarding the administration of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Public Notice is also given that the due date for the submission of the 2020-2021 CDBG application has been extended.

The waivers approved by HUD were made available to entitlement communities, such as St. Johns County, for the purpose of preventing the spread of COVID-19 and to pursue options to mitigate the economic impacts caused by COVID-19.

The CDBG program is administered through HUD, for the benefit of low-to-moderate income residents. The development and approval of a Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans are requirements of receiving CDBG funds.

In accordance with the County's Citizen Participation Plan, citizens are encouraged to participate in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the CDBG program. The Citizens Participation Plan also states that the County will provide a thirty-day public notice prior to making a substantial amendment to the Consolidated Plan.

One approved waiver the County reserves the right to use is limiting public meetings held for the purpose of informing citizens about the planning, implementation, and evaluation of all aspects of the CDBG program and soliciting questions and comments from the public. Suspending public meetings is intended to reduce the spread of COVID-19 during gatherings of people. The public is encouraged to continue to ask questions and provide comments on all facets of the CDBG program via US mail, email, and phone calls.

All questions and comments related to the CDBG program may be mailed to 200 San Sebastian View, Suite 2300, St. Augustine, FL 32084, or emailed to glulkoski@sjcfl.us, or given by calling 904-827-6890.

Another approved waiver the County reserves the right to use is reducing the Public Comment period for substantial amendments to the Consolidated Plan from 30 days to 5 days. This waiver

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is intended to make the County more agile in implementing activities in response to the COVID-19 crisis.

At this time, the County is preparing for the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan. Through the application process, the County makes a portion of CDBG funds available to the community. On January 28, 2020, the County announced a process for soliciting CDBG applications and a process for scoring and selection of applications to be funded.

The due date for CDBG applications has now been extended to 4 PM on May 1, 2020. As stated in the application instructions, in order for an organization to be eligible to submit an application, a representative of that organization must attend a scheduled technical assistance workshop. All technical assistance workshops for 2020 have been concluded. The County reserves the right to make additional modifications to this deadline in response to COVID-19.

Applications received by the deadline will be evaluated and scored by a committee. The meeting to evaluate applications has been postponed to 3 PM on May 15. Typically, this type of evaluation meeting is a public meeting. However, the County reserves the right to utilize the waiver mentioned above to suspend the public meeting, in an effort to reduce the spread of communicable disease. All documents related to the evaluation and scoring meeting are public records available to the public, upon request. The County also reserves the right to make additional modifications to this deadline and requirements associated with this deadline in response to COVID-19.

As stated in the public notice issued on January 28, 2020, the County is not obligated to award all funds available during a particular grant cycle. The County also reserves the right to reject any and all applications submitted and may use its discretion to determine the amount of funds to be made available to respond to the COVID-19 crisis. At this time, no decisions have been made about the use of CDBG funds and/or the use of applicable waivers to mitigate the impact of COVID-19. By the methods described above, the community is encouraged to ask questions and provide comments on this and all actions related to the CDBG program.

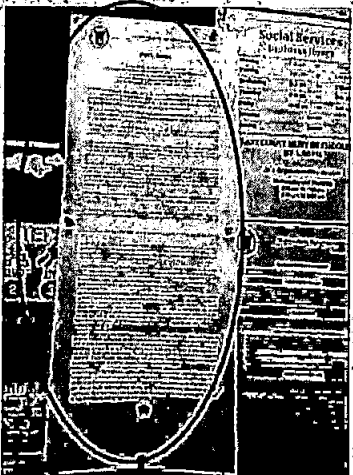
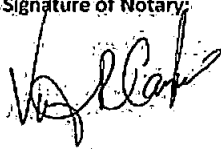
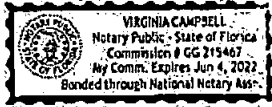
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in the CDBG program should contact the ADA Coordinator at 904-209-0650. Deaf and/or hard-of-hearing individuals may use Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD): 904-209-0650, or the Florida Relay Service: 800-955-8770. CDBG information is provided in English. If you require a translator, please call 904-209-0650. To request services, please notify the County at least five business days prior to need for services.



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Public Notice of COVID-19 Waivers and Date Changes for 2020 CDGB Applications & Evaluation Meeting - Posted at 1 Location + CDBG Webpage and Published in the St. Augustine Record

Posted in the St. Johns County Social Services Lobby on April 9, 2020. 	In addition to posting Public Notices in the Social Services Lobby, Public Notices are typically also posted at the St. Johns County Courthouse, the Salomon Calhoun Community Center, and at Public Libraries. However, due to the COVID-19 crisis, these locations were closed to the public at the time of the release of this Public Notice.
Published in the St. Augustine Record on April 11, 2020 https://www.staugustine.com/	Posted on the St. Johns County website on April 13, 2020 http://www.sjcf.us/Housing/CDBG.aspx
The Public Notice of COVID-19 Waivers and Date Changes for 2020 CDGB Applications & Evaluation) was posted on April 9, 2020 in the St. Johns County Social Services Lobby, posted on the St. Johns County website on April 13, 2020, and published in the St. Augustine Record on April 11, 2020. Sworn to me on this 14th day of April, 2020, by Gregory Lulkoski, who is personally known to me. Signature of Notary:  Seal: 	

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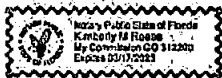
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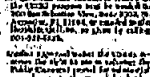
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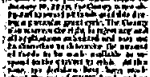
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5. Summary of public comments

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This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

As part of the required preparation for the Action Plan, staff received a variety of comments that addressed community needs. These comments have been noted and attached to the Action Plan as part of "4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process", found in "AP-05. Executive Summary". Public comments associated with the surveys has been attached and submitted with the actual surveys and survey results.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

There were no written or verbal comments that were not accepted.

7. Summary

Not applicable.

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PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	ST. JOHNS COUNTY	Housing & Community Services Division

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The St. Johns County Housing and Community Development Department is responsible for preparing an Annual Action Plan. St. Johns County is also responsible for developing and monitoring a citizen participation plan that covers all of the County.

In preparation for the current Annual Action Plan, the County consulted with other public and private agencies that provided health services and social services, including those focusing on services to children, elderly persons, persons with special needs, and homeless persons. The public and private agencies contacted include, but were not limited to, the St. Johns Housing Partnership, United Way, St. Johns County Social Services Division, Alpha-Omega Miracle Home, Emergency Services and Homeless Coalition, West Augustine CDC, Habitat for Humanity St. Augustine/St. Johns County, the steering committees associated with the County's Community Redevelopment Areas, and others.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

To comply with federal requirements, a jurisdiction must consult with community service providers, other jurisdictions, and other entities with a potential interest in, or knowledge of, that jurisdiction's housing and non-housing community development issues. The County consulted with many different groups, committees, departments, and organizations to encourage public participation and to identify housing and community development needs. Specifically, the entities listed below were invited to participate in Neighborhood Community Public Hearings, where information was provided about the CDBG Program and feedback was solicited from the entities as to the community's housing and development needs. In addition to the meetings, a survey was posted on the Housing and Community Development webpage for over 90 days. Paper copies of the survey were also available at the neighborhood hearings. The Action Plan will be presented to the public and the Board of County Commissioners at a Public Hearing. Any comments received, either verbally or in writing, will be accepted. A notification process was established to ensure awareness of each stage of the CDBG process. The process includes public notices and announcements on the Housing and Community Development webpage, the local newspaper (The St. Augustine Record), and an optional email list the Housing and Community Development office uses to share helpful information to agencies and individuals. County staff have also engaged in direct correspondence with interested parties.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l))

Regarding affordable housing needs and impediments to affordable housing, the County enhanced coordination between public and private entities by attending and facilitating several different hearings/meetings with housing providers, public and private agencies, community groups, and advisory boards. Most of these meetings were publically advertised in the local newspaper and all of them published on the County website. The citizen participation process was explained in detail and attendees were encouraged to complete a paper or electronic survey regarding housing and community development priorities. County staff encouraged comment and input from these participants with regards to community housing needs and non-housing community development needs. The County also had a number of informal conversations with a number of service-providers that provided health, mental health, substance abuse, and social services over the last ten months. These agencies are instrumental in identifying housing and social service needs of the community. County staff also attends the Housing Finance Authority (HFA) monthly meetings to gather feedback from for-profit and non-profit housing service providers/contractors on the community's housing needs and priorities. The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) engages in conversations regarding affordable housing needs and impediments to affordable housing. AHAC has continued to meet, exceeding the minimum

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statutory requirements, and host a variety of educational seminars on affordable housing. The Housing and Community Development Department also utilizes an email list to share information regarding public meetings, community information, and community development opportunities.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

Currently, the Continuum of Care (CoC) evaluates how to address local homelessness. The CoC general membership most recently met on February 12, 2020 with Florida Housing for a CoC Strategic Planning Session to update the strategic plan. County staff regularly attend the CoC meetings and one County staff member sits on the CoC Executive Board. Once the strategic plan to end homelessness in St. Johns County is complete, the Consolidated Plan will be amended to reflect the updated needs and strategies to end homelessness.

The County also coordinates all disaster relief efforts, most recently in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, with the CoC.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS.

2. **Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities**

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Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated.

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Flagler Estates CRA Steering Committee
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Civic Leaders Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Addressing Blight, Parks
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hosted Public Hearing held in Flagler Estates area, south St. Johns County, to discuss CDBG program, community & unmet needs. Phone, face to face conversations, emails, and meetings with individual steering board and community members. Meetings are staffed by St. Johns County.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	West Augustine CRA Steering Committee
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business and Civic Leaders Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hosted Public Hearing held in West Augustine area, central St. Johns County, to discuss CDBG program, community & unmet needs. Phone and face to face conversations and meetings with individual board and community members.

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3	Agency/Group/Organization	Vilano Beach CRA Steering Committee
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business and Civic Leaders Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hosted Public Hearing held in Vilano Beach, east St. Johns County, to discuss CDBG program, community & unmet needs. Phone and face to face conversations and meetings with individual board and community members.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Alpha-Omega Miracle Home, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services- Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Nonprofit
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Families with children
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Face to face, phone and email conversations. Provides information regarding local housing needs and the needs of the community.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	St. Johns County Board of Commissioners
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County

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	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Economic Development Disaster Relief
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hosted Public Hearings held in both the St. Johns County Administrative building and the Health and Human Services Building, central St. Johns County, to discuss CDBG program, community & unmet needs. Phone and face to face conversations and meetings with individual board and community members. Conversations with Economic Development, Parks and Recreation, Engineering, and the Disaster Relief Departments.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	St. Johns Housing Partnership
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Nonprofit
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Face to face, phone, and email conversations. Provides information regarding local housing needs & financial issues affecting St. Johns County.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Emergency Services & Homeless Coalition
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Nonprofit

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	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Face to face, phone and email conversations. Provides information regarding local housing needs and the needs of the community.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	St. Johns Continuum of Care
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hosted Public Hearing held Care Connect, central St. Johns County, to discuss the CDBG program, community & unmet needs. Phone and face to face conversations and meetings with individual board and community members/ civic leaders.

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9	Agency/Group/Organization	St. Johns Continuum of Care-Affordable Housing Working Group
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Workforce Housing
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Face to face, phone and email conversations. Provides information regarding local housing needs and the needs of the community.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	SEA Community Help Resource Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Civic Leaders Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Social Services
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Face to face, phone and email conversations. Provides information regarding the Community of Elkton and Armstrong's local housing, social services, and youth service's needs.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	Habitat for Humanity of St. Augustine/St. Johns County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Nonprofit
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs

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	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Face to face, phone and email conversations. Provides information regarding local housing needs and the needs of the community.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	Housing Finance Authority of St. Johns County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Face to face, phone and email conversations. Provides information regarding local affordable housing needs and the needs of the community.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public meetings providing information regarding local affordable housing needs. Presented the 2019 Affordable Housing Recommendations to the St. Johns County BCC.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	St. Johns County Legal Aid
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing

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	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Fair Housing
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Held and participated in local public meetings centered around Fair Housing.
15	Agency/Group/Organization	West Augustine Historical Community Development Corporation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business and Civic Leaders Nonprofit Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Childrens Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Face to face, phone and email conversations. Provides information regarding local needs of the community.
16	Agency/Group/Organization	City of St. Augustine Beach
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local

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	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Face to face, phone and email conversations. Provides information regarding the City of St. Augustine Beach local housing issues. Hosted a public hearing.
17	Agency/Group/Organization	Catholic Charities St. Augustine Diocese
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Nonprofit
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy Food Pantry & Education
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Face to face, phone and email conversations. Provides information regarding local needs of the community.

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18	Agency/Group/Organization	EPIC Behavioral Healthcare
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Health Services-Education Health Agency Nonprofit
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Health and Addiction Services
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Face to face, phone and email conversations. Provides information regarding local needs of the community.
19	Agency/Group/Organization	Flagler Estates Road and Water Control District
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Road and Water Management
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Face to face, phone and email conversations. Provides information regarding local needs of the community.

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20	Agency/Group/Organization	Children's Home Society of Greater Northeast Florida
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Health Services-Education Health Agency Nonprofit
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Services-Children, Health, Education
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Face to face, phone and email conversations. Provides information regarding local needs of the community.
21	Agency/Group/Organization	Learn to Read-St. Johns County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education Nonprofit
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Services-Education
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Face to face, phone and email conversations. Provides information regarding local needs of the community.

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22	Agency/Group/Organization	Flagler Health +-Continuum of Care
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-homeless Services-Health Health Agency Major Employer
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Workforce Housing
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Face to face, phone, and email conversations. Provides information regarding local housing needs, serves as lead of CoC, and providing services and assessing needs of the area's homeless.

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

Not applicable.

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Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Flagler Health +	Both have goals to end chronic homelessness.
St. Johns County Comprehensive Plan	St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners	Both identify goals to improve public services in low income areas.
LHAP- Local Housing Assistance Plan	SJC Housing and Community Development	Both recognize the severe shortage of affordable housing.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

St. Johns County's Housing and Community Development Division works closely with a number of different entities both formally or informally. All of the listed organizations provide feedback concerning community needs.

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation **Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting**

In preparation for 2020-2021, St. Johns County held thirteen public hearings. Three of these meetings were mandatory public hearings that included technical assistance for agencies planning to apply for CDBG funding. All of these meetings provided citizens and local nonprofit/service providers an opportunity to express concerns about "gaps in services" that are occurring throughout the community, such as: rehabilitation of existing homes, public facilities and infrastructure, affordable housing, funding for public services, with an emphasis on expanding educational and technical opportunities, and economic development. Based on feedback from those meetings and the priorities identified in the Consolidated Plan, St. Johns County decided to focus CDBG-CV funds on a singular priority of *Priority 8- Economic Development* (St. Johns County CDBG Consolidated Plan; SP-45) in an effort to respond to COVID-19 and the burden it has placed on the St. Johns County community.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
1	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community Homeless Providers	This meeting was held in St. Augustine during the St. Johns County Continuum of Care meeting and was attended by 32 people		Not Applicable	http://www.sjcfl.us/Housing/media/2020PublicMeetingSchedule.pdf
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community Community Redevelopment Area	This meeting was held in Flagler Estates at the Flagler Estates Road and Water District Building, as part of the regularly scheduled CRA meeting, and was attended by 18 people.		Not Applicable	http://www.sjcfl.us/Housing/media/2020PublicMeetingSchedule.pdf

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
3	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community Nonprofit Service Providers	This was the 3rd meeting held at the Health and Human Services Building and was attended by 12 people. This was requested technical assistance after the initial meeting schedule was set.		Not Applicable	http://www.sjcfl.us/Housing/media/2020PublicMeetingSchedule.pdf

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
4	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community Community Redevelopment Area	This meeting was the second meeting held in West Augustine Community. This one was held at the Solomon Calhoun Community Center and was attended by 4 people.		Not Applicable	http://www.sjcfl.us/Housing/media/2020PublicMeetingSchedule.pdf
5	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	This meeting was held in Ponte Vedra Beach at the library and was attended by 0 people.		Not Applicable	http://www.sjcfl.us/Housing/media/2020PublicMeetingSchedule.pdf

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
6	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	This meeting was held at the Bartram Trail Branch Library and was attended by 0 people.		Not Applicable	http://www.sjcfl.us/Housing/media/2020PublicMeetingSchedule.pdf
7	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	This meeting was held at the City of St. Augustine Beach City Hall and was attended by 0 people.		Not Applicable	http://www.sjcfl.us/Housing/media/2020PublicMeetingSchedule.pdf
8	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	This meeting was held at the Hastings Branch Library and was attended by 1 person.		Not Applicable	http://www.sjcfl.us/Housing/media/2020PublicMeetingSchedule.pdf

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
10	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	This meeting was held at the Southeast Branch Library and was attended by 1 person.		Not Applicable	http://www.sjcfl.us/Housing/media/2020PublicMeetingSchedule.pdf
11	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	This meeting was held at the Armstrong Baptist Church in Elkton and was attended by 23 people.		Not Applicable	http://www.sjcfl.us/Housing/media/2020PublicMeetingSchedule.pdf
12	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community Community Redevelopment Area	This meeting was held at the monthly Vilano Beach Main Street Meeting and was attended by 11 people.		Not Applicable	http://www.sjcfl.us/Housing/media/2020PublicMeetingSchedule.pdf

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
13	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community Community Redevelopment Area	This meeting was held in the West Augustine Community at Collier-Blocker-Puryear Park. The meeting was attended by 4 people.		Not Applicable	http://www.sjcfl.us/Housing/media/2020PublicMeetingSchedule.pdf
14	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	The 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Survey was posted on the County's website.	Surveys were printable and are included with the submitted Action Plan. Surveys were also distributed at various public meetings. Staff received over 180 responses.	Not Applicable	http://www.sjcfl.us/Housing/media/2020CDBGSurvey.pdf

15	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	Housing and Community Services staff constantly update the County's CDBG page and work with the County's Public Information Office to disseminate information on the County's main homepage. County staff also utilize a community email list through which they communicate directly with area non-profits and engaged citizens.	Citizens who contact the Housing and Community Services office are invited to meet with staff either in person or over the phone, directed to a public meeting, or directed to the Housing and Community Services CDBG webpage. A number of individuals on the list thanked staff for sharing information or notified	Not Applicable	http://www.sjcfl.us/Housing/index.aspx
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				staff that they would be attending meetings		

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Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
16	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Housing and Community Services staff placed a newspaper ad that ran on 1/28/20, which was 20 days ahead of the first public hearing. The same meetings were also advertised on the Housing and Community Services website.	N/A- Citizens who contact the Housing and Community Services office are invited to meet with staff either in person or over the phone, directed to a public meeting, or directed to the Housing and Community Services CDBG webpage.	Not Applicable	http://www.sjcfcl.us/Housing/media/2020CDBGPublicNotice.pdf

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
17	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/bro ad community	30 day required HUD Action Plan notice as well as local postings on the internet	No comments were received	No comments were not accepted.	
18	Media	Non-targeted/bro ad community	Staff uses various forms of media to notify public of meetings, including but not limited to social media, GTV, traditional forms, newsletters, etc.	No comments were received.	No comments were not accepted.	

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

Florida Statutes at Title XI, Section 125.35 (County Authorized to Sell Real and Personal Property and to Lease Real Property), 125.38 (Sale of County Property to United States or State), 125.37 (Exchange of County Property), 125.379 (Disposition of County Property for Affordable Housing) and St. Johns County Ordinance 2011-17, provide guidelines as to the distribution of land owned by the County. The disposition of any County owned land for purposes of addressing the needs identified in this Action Plan are subject to Florida State Statute and County Ordinance.

The County maintains an inventory of lots and properties owned by St. Johns County. Land owned and managed by the County may be sold or donated to entities for the purpose of public and community good. A private entity or non-profit may request of the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) a conveyance or lease of a property. The property may be conveyed or leased to an applying entity, for a price named by the BCC, regardless of the actual value of the property and pending BCC satisfaction of the proposed use of the property. The land must not be needed for County purposes as determined by the BCC. A number of properties in the inventory have been earmarked for the purpose of expanding affordable housing options.

At the time of this writing, staff has developed a procedure by which the County shall distribute these lots in a competitive and equitable manner. This procedure has been approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

Staff also works closely with the St. Johns County Housing Finance Authority (HFA) to develop affordable housing. The HFA has ownership of various pieces of property centered in West Augustine. The HFA is in the process of selling their surplus properties in an effort to make their Authority become more sustainable and develop more affordable housing opportunities.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	995,329	0	930,264	1,925,593	0	This amount is anticipated FY 20/21
Other	public - federal	Other	14,250	0	0	14,250	0	This amount is anticipated FY 20/21
Other	public - federal	Public Services Other	43,241	0	0	43,241	400	This amount is anticipated FY 20/21
Other	public - state	Acquisition Admin and Planning Housing Other	2,729,439	0	0	2,729,439	932,372	This amount is anticipated FY 20/21

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

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Discussion

Not applicable.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Affordable Rental Housing	2016	2020	Affordable Housing	Countywide	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$411,264	Rental units rehabilitated: 4 Household Housing Unit
2	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities	2016	2020	Non-Housing Community Development	West Augustine	Public Facilities and Infrastructure	CDBG: \$275,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 100 Persons Assisted
3	Public Services	2016	2020	Non-Housing Community Development	Countywide	Public Services	CDBG: \$110,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 25 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Planning and Administration	2016	2020	Planning and Administration	Countywide	Affordable Housing Homeless Services and Prevention Public Facilities and Infrastructure Public Services Rehabilitation of Existing Housing Economic Development	CDBG: \$199,065	Other: 0 Other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Affordable Rental Housing
	Goal Description	Increase the supply of affordable rental housing in St. Johns County.
2	Goal Name	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities
	Goal Description	Build or improve public infrastructure or facilities in low to moderate-income areas.

3	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	Public Services to assist eligible citizens with maintaining or obtaining adequate housing; this may include foreclosure prevention services, subsistence assistance with rent, down payments, and utilities, as well as case management services.
4	Goal Name	Planning and Administration
	Goal Description	HUD-approved administrative costs associated with establishing and maintaining a CDBG program.

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Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

In preparation for 2020-2021, St. Johns County held thirteen public hearings. Three of these meetings were mandatory public hearings that included technical assistance for agencies planning to apply for CDBG funding. All of these meetings provided citizens and local nonprofit/service providers an opportunity to express concerns about "gaps in services" that are occurring throughout the community, such as: rehabilitation of existing homes, public facilities and infrastructure, affordable housing, funding for public services with an emphasis on expanding educational and technical opportunities, and economic development. Based on feedback from those meetings and the priorities identified in the Consolidated Plan, St. Johns County decided to focus CDBG-CV funds on a singular priority of *Priority 8- Economic Development* (St. Johns County CDBG Consolidated Plan; SP-45) in an effort to respond to COVID-19 and the burden it has placed on the St. Johns County community. It is expected that the pandemic will result in an increased need for affordable rental housing and public services related to helping households obtain and retain housing. Infrastructure projects also remain a priority in low to moderate-income neighborhoods.

Projects

Projects

Sort*	Project Title
1	Affordable Rental Housing
2	Public Infrastructure/Facilities
3	Public Services
4	Planning and Administration

Table 7 - Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

The allocations and priorities contained in the Consolidated Plan were established by using input received from community meetings, electronic and paper surveys, public hearings, County departments, other municipalities, and advisory groups. The County relies heavily on its Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) which was originally approved in 2016 and has since been updated twice, once in 2019 and again

in 2020. The Housing and Community Development staff exceed the CPP requirements for the minimum number of public hearings (2) to take citizen input. Projects submitted are typically competitively ranked using the Priorities identified in the Consolidated Plan (SP-25) while utilizing the Affordable Housing Grant process to score applications (<http://www.sjcfcl.us/Housing/AHGPOverview.aspx>). Project recommendations are made and accompanied by two public hearings, one of which is a recommendation for final approval by the Board of County Commissioners. Obstacles to addressing underserved needs include the lack of resources to fully address all of the essentials identified in the Goals of the Consolidated Plan.

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AP-38 Project Summary Project Summary Information

Project Summary Information

No.	Project	Goals Supported	Geographic Areas	Needs Addressed	Funding
1	Affordable Rental Housing	Affordable Rental Housing	Countywide - Local Target area	Affordable Housing	CDBG : \$411,264
	Description	Acquisition and rehabilitation of existing housing units to be used as affordable rental housing for income-eligible individuals or households.			
	Target Date for Completion	09/30/2022			
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities (Note: Additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen.)	4 LMI households			
	Location Description (Note: Additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen.)	Countywide			
	Planned Activities (Note: Additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen.)	Acquisition and rehabilitation of existing housing units to be used as affordable rental housing for income-eligible individuals or households.			
2	Public Infrastructure/Facilities	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities	West Augustine - Local Target area	Public Facilities and Infrastructure	CDBG : \$275,000
	Description	Public infrastructure/facilities, such as sidewalks, street improvements, or park improvements to serve low to moderate income areas.			
	Target Date for Completion	09/30/2022			
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities (Note: Additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen.)	100 LMI families			
	Location Description (Note: Additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen.)	West Augustine, LMA			
	Planned Activities (Note: Additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen.)	Public infrastructure/facilities, such as sidewalks, street improvements, or park improvements to serve low to moderate income areas will installed.			
4	Planning and Administration	Planning and Administration	Countywide - Local Target area	Affordable Housing Homeless Services and Prevention Public Facilities and Infrastructure Public Services Rehabilitation of Existing Housing Economic Development	CDBG : \$199,055
	Description	HUD-approved administrative costs associated with establishing and maintaining a CDBG program.			
	Target Date for Completion	09/30/2021			
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities (Note: Additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen.)	Not Applicable			
	Location Description (Note: Additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen.)	Countywide			
	Planned Activities (Note: Additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen.)	HUD-approved administrative costs associated with establishing and maintaining a CDBG program.			

AP-38 Project Summary

1	Project Name	Affordable Housing	
	Target Area	Countywide	
	Goals Supported	Affordable Rental Housing	
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing; Homeless Services and Prevention	
	Funding	CDBG: \$411,264	
	Description	Acquisition and rehabilitation of existing housing units to be used as affordable rental housing for income-eligible individuals or households.	
	Target Date	9/30/2022	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities		4
	Location Description	Countywide	
	Planned Activities	Acquisition and rehabilitation of existing housing units to be used as affordable rental housing for income-eligible individuals or households.	
2	Project Name	Public Facilities or Infrastructure Activities	
	Target Area	West Augustine	
	Goals Supported	Planning and Administration	
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities or Infrastructure Activities	
	Funding	CDBG: \$275,000.00	
	Description	Public infrastructure/facilities, such as sidewalks, street improvements, or park improvements to serve low to moderate income areas.	
	Target Date	9/30/2022	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities		100
	Location Description	West Augustine	
	Planned Activities	Public infrastructure/facilities, such as sidewalks, street improvements, or park improvements to serve low to moderate income areas.	

3	Project Name	Public Services	
	Target Area	Countywide	
	Goals Supported	Non-Housing Community Development Public Services	
	Needs Addressed	Public Services	
	Funding	CDBG: \$110,000.00	
	Description	Public Services to assist eligible citizens with maintaining or obtaining adequate housing; this may include foreclosure prevention services, subsistence assistance with rent, down payments, and utilities, as well as case management services.	
	Target Date	9/30/2022	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities		25
	Location Description	Countywide	
	Planned Activities	Public Services to assist eligible citizens with maintaining or obtaining adequate housing; this may include foreclosure prevention services, subsistence assistance with rent, down payments, and utilities, as well as case management services.	
4	Project Name	Planning & Administration	
	Target Area	Countywide	
	Goals Supported	Planning and Administration; All other goals.	
	Needs Addressed	All Activities	
	Funding	CDBG: \$199,065.00	
	Description	HUD-approved administrative costs associated with establishing and maintaining a CDBG program.	
	Target Date	9/30/2021	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities		N/A
	Location Description	Countywide	
	Planned Activities	HUD-approved administrative costs associated with establishing and maintaining a CDBG program.	

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

Fiscal Year 20-21 CDBG funds are expected to be utilized countywide in an effort to increase the supply of affordable housing and to provide public services aimed at assisting citizens obtain or retain housing. CDBG funds will also be used to improve public facilities or infrastructure in low to moderate-income neighborhoods in West Augustine. The St. Johns County jurisdiction area is comprised of unincorporated St. Johns County and 1 other municipality (City of St. Augustine Beach) that has entered into an Inter local Cooperation Agreement with the County. St. Johns County typically employs several strategies which target investments in the areas of greatest need, while taking advantage of other leveraging opportunities. Programs serve eligible countywide households while others target a specific geographic area where a specific need has been identified or where leveraging opportunities offer greater scale or impact. Some specific areas have been identified within unincorporated portions of the County and participating municipalities. These areas have concentrations of low to moderate income persons or neighborhoods.

The County's population total is 264,672 (2019), 10.7% of which is minority populations. According to Bureau of Economic Analysis 2017, ESRI Community Profile 2019, the median household income is \$76,509, with 32.2% of all households having a household income less than \$49,000.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Elkton/Armstrong	
West Augustine	28
Flagler Estates	
Hastings	
Countywide	72

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The allocation of investments in this geographic area is due to a number of factors, including but not limited to, the establishment of the target area, program requirements, project applications, and public input. To comply with CDBG program requirements that at least 70% of funds benefit low and moderate income persons. The above target areas also exhibit a need for infrastructure improvements, public services, and affordable housing for special needs and low income residents. The Citizen Participation Plan process also directed the County in the identification of needs and establishing

priorities of the target areas.

Discussion

Income eligible residents are scattered throughout the County; therefore, opportunities to increase the supply of affordable housing and provide public services related to housing will occur Countywide. The West Augustine area is targeted due to the need for improved public facilities and infrastructure.

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Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

St. Johns County will use FY '20-'21 CDBG funds to increase the supply of affordable housing, as well as public services aimed at assisting income-eligible citizens obtain or retain housing, as it is presumed that the pandemic has had the greatest impact on the LMI community.

In addition to the above mentioned projects, St. Johns County will use other funding, mentioned elsewhere in this plan, to create affordable housing, as defined by the HOME program, utilizing different leveraged funds.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	0
Special-Needs	0
Total	0

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	0
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	0

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

St. Johns County will continue to utilize funding other than CDBG to achieve its affordable housing goals. The County provides funds from its General Fund and a trust fund based entirely of funds that were accumulated from mitigation associated with developments classified as Developments of Regional Impact, to assist with affordable housing and rehabilitation of existing housing stock. The County also receives SHIP dollars, which, according to the County's Local Housing Assistance Plan, may be used to fund disaster-related repairs, new construction, rehabilitation, down payment and closing cost assistance, impact fees, construction financing, acquisition of property for affordable housing, matching dollars for federal housing grants and programs, and homeownership/financial counseling. Even with these additional resources, the County is not able to meet all of its affordable housing needs. It should be noted that the pressures on affordable housing has grown greater since Hurricane Irma negatively impacted 900+ residential units in St. Johns County in early September, 2017. This after

Hurricane Matthew negatively impacted 2,319 residential units when it reached the shores of St. Johns County on October 7, 2016.

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AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

St. Johns County does not have a public housing authority or public housing. Residents wishing to apply for public housing must apply for a voucher through Jacksonville Housing Authority (JHA) in neighboring Duval County to the north or Flagler County Housing Authority to the south.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

St. Johns County does not have public housing so this is not applicable to the jurisdiction.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

St. Johns County does not have public housing so this is not applicable to the jurisdiction.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

St. Johns County does not have public housing so this is not applicable to the jurisdiction.

Discussion

St. Johns County does not have public housing so this is not applicable to the jurisdiction.

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)

Introduction

St. Johns County is dedicated to improving the housing opportunities for all of its residents, especially the homeless population, the special needs population, and people who are at risk of becoming homeless. The County, along with other non-profit agencies and other organizations, will continue to provide services and funds to aid in the prevention of homelessness, funds for rapid re-housing programs to house the homeless, and funds for the rehabilitation of homes of low income and special needs persons.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

St. Francis House, an emergency shelter/housing crisis center, will serve as the main point of access for homeless services in St. Johns County by providing 16 beds for men, 12 for women, 4 units for families with minor children, 4 overflow, and 8 beds reserved for the St. Augustine Police Department. St. Francis House also has 16 beds under development for unaccompanied minors.

In 2016, St. Francis assumed the 'street outreach services' in St. Johns County. Appropriately named "SOS", the program consists of 3 teams – 2 focused on adults & veterans and 1 for youth. These teams travel throughout the county to engage the homeless on the streets and connect them to housing-focused services.

The County will continue to provide funding, based on availability, for the operation and maintenance of the emergency shelter, transitional housing facilities, and program services provided by these facilities. These facilities provide shelter and supportive services to homeless veterans, homeless families with children, single men and women, including those recently released from incarceration, chronic homeless and victims of domestic violence. St. Johns County Continuum of Care (CoC) will continue to address the needs of emergency shelter and transitional housing in our community by continuing to increase the resources available for emergency case management and increasing referrals and placements in permanent housing.

Although transitional housing is no longer a priority in our community, we continue to have programs that assist in transitional housing for those victims of domestic violence, the elderly, and homeless families with children.

Emergency Services and Homeless Coalition (ESH) Transitional Housing Program provides access for individuals in need of transitional housing in St. Johns County by providing 44 beds (12 units) for families

with children. ESHC also has 10 Permanent Houses, of which 8 are for homeless families and 2 are sober living homes while the Alpha-Omega Miracle Home Transitional Housing Program has fluid beds that can be used by both families and individuals. Alpha-Omega has 7 Program units, which can house between 19- 28 residents at any given time, depending on if beds are filled with senior women or with mothers and their children.

The County will continue to work with the CoC toward a goal of functional zero, whereby every person wanting to exit homelessness will be offered appropriate housing within 30 days. By utilizing our Housing Crisis Center and other Crisis Housing resources for emergency shelter and service linkage, homeless persons will receive the support and services best matched to their circumstances. Transitional Housing will serve, in the interim, for those needing housing while permanent and affordable options are created and/or found.

Last year, utilizing CDBG funds, a subrecipient agreement was entered into between the County and Catholic Charities Bureau, Inc. – St. Augustine Regional Office, in the amount of \$50,000.00, for the purpose of hiring a case manager to provide assistance to income-eligible households who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, per standards established by HUD. At the time of this writing (3/27/2020), Catholic Charities has utilized these funds to assist 37 households.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

St. Francis House, an emergency shelter/housing crisis center, will serve as the main point of access for homeless services in St. Johns County by providing 16 beds for men, 12 for women, 4 units for families with minor children, 4 overflow, and 8 beds reserved for the St. Augustine Police Department. St. Francis House also has 16 beds under development for unaccompanied minors.

The County will continue to provide funding, based on availability, for the operation and maintenance of the emergency shelter/housing crisis center, transitional housing facilities and program services provided by these facilities. These facilities provide shelter and supportive services to homeless veterans, homeless families with children, single men and women, including those recently released from incarceration, chronic homeless and victims of domestic violence. St. Johns County CoC will continue to address the needs of emergency shelter and transitional housing in our community by continuing to increase the resources available for emergency case management, increasing referrals and placements in permanent housing.

Although transitional housing is no longer a priority in our community, we continue to have programs that assist in transitional housing for those victims of domestic violence, the elderly, and homeless families with children.

Emergency Services and Homeless Coalition (ESHC) Transitional Housing Program provides access for individuals in need of transitional housing in St. Johns County by providing 40 beds (11 units) for families with children. ESHC also has 12 Permanent Houses, of which 9 are for homeless families and 3 are sober

living homes. The Alpha-Omega Miracle Home Affordable Supportive Housing program has units that are used by both families and individuals. Alpha-Omega has 6 program units, which house approximately 17 residents at any given time, depending on if beds are filled with senior women or with mothers and their children. Alpha Omega is also, at the time of this writing, renovating a 2-bedroom apartment that will house either 2 senior women or a small family.

The County will continue to work with the CoC toward a goal of functional zero whereby every person wanting to exit homelessness will be offered appropriate housing within 30 days. By utilizing our Housing Crisis Center and other Crisis Housing resources for emergency shelter and service linkage, homeless persons will receive the support and services best matched to their circumstances. Transitional Housing will serve, in the interim, for those needing housing while permanent and affordable options are created and/or found.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

St. Johns County will assist homeless persons and families to transition into permanent supportive/independent housing by providing financial assistance and case management. The CoC has received ESG funding through HUD, via the State of Florida. This funding will provide rapid re-housing and prevention support to area agencies and organizations. This program will provide financial assistance to homeless individuals/families to regain stability in permanent housing. The financial assistance provided through this source may be used for rent and utility assistance, as well as assistance with rent and utility deposits.

In addition, the County will continue to provide prevention funding for emergency assistance for rent and utilities through its Social Services Division. The County is also supporting a few new projects that will increase the number of permanent supportive housing units in our county.

The County is also a SOAR processor. Individuals can be referred by any community stakeholder to the Social Services Division to initiate the SOAR process. This process assists an individual in securing or restoring SSI/SSDI benefits. The County continues to be a leader in the State for successful applications.

The County was awarded HUD CoC Program NOFA funds, \$17,956 in 2017 and \$17,572 in 2018, to implement a Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Program. This program moves homeless individuals and families into permanent housing as quickly as possible. RRH provides tenant-based rental assistance in a client

driven, low-barrier environment.

The County is collaborating with the CoC, and other community stakeholders, to develop strategies to not only increase our affordable and permanent supportive housing stock but also to look at possible funding streams to develop and implement other rental/workforce housing programs. Other options may include a Housing Reentry Assistance Program, as well as other supplementary strategies to increase the community's resources for permanent supportive housing.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

St. Johns County will utilize local, state and federal funding when available, to support prevention activities designed to help our low-income individuals and families that find themselves at risk of homelessness and needing a hand up.

County Social Services will provide financial assistance in the form of emergency rent and utility payments to those individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless. These prevention funds will target those who would become homeless without the assistance. This support is designed to be a one-time payment, in an 18-month period.

The County will partner with area agencies to refer homeless individuals and families who find themselves stranded, to relocation assistance through the St. Augustine Police Department. This will allow these homeless individuals and families to return home, to out of area relatives.

The County will collaborate with various community partners, to implement a community-wide policy to assist in the discharge of our homeless, to include but not limited to, hospitals, mental health facilities and correctional facilities.

The St Johns County Family Integrity Program (FIP) has established and implemented a formal protocol for the discharge of youth aging out of foster care. This protocol involves collaboration with the Department of Children and Families (DCF), Independent Living Case Manager through FIP and other partner agencies, to prevent homelessness for these youths. The intent is to have a smooth transition from foster care system to self-sufficiency.

The County and other community stakeholders are currently working closely with the St. Johns County CoC and implemented Coordinated Entry starting in February, 2018. A system has been created that will quickly identify individuals at risk for homelessness, return those experiencing homelessness to stable

housing by utilizing Coordinated Intake, and create a by-name listing of all homeless individuals within the St. Johns County CoC. The St. Johns County CoC will assess the need for additional shelter capacity on an ongoing basis.

Upon the recommendation of the St. Johns County CoC Governance Committee, the St. Johns County Continuum of Care established four county-wide focus areas to end homelessness. The areas identified were: increase community involvement and awareness, increase service capacity, increase housing stock, and increase the usage and reliability of the data.

In the last fiscal year, a staff member with St. Johns County has been assigned the task of accumulating a list of affordable housing providers, while staff working under the umbrella of the Housing and Community Development Division and the County's Social Services Division work with local landlords to assist clients with housing needs.

Discussion

Not Applicable.

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AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

Introduction:

St. Johns County realizes that current housing market conditions present many barriers to affordable housing. These barriers have only worsened with the recent effects of Hurricanes Matthew and Irma, as well as the anticipated effects of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The County continues to implement policies and strategies to maintain and provide affordable housing inventory for residents.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

The St. Johns County Comprehensive Plan 2010-2025 Housing Element, states that its purpose is to support the provision and maintenance of an adequate inventory of decent, safe and sanitary housing in a variety of types, sizes and locations throughout the County, at affordable costs, to meet the needs of the current and future residents of St Johns County. The Plan provides several objectives as listed below:

Continuing the housing implementation policies, such as density bonuses, infill housing, and an expedited development review process for affordable housing developments.

Maintaining existing programs, investigating and implementing new programs, and identifying funding sources that will work toward the elimination of substandard housing.

Through its Future Land Use Map and its review of the County Land Development Code, shall ensure that County zoning districts include areas for the location of housing for very low to moderate income households, single family homes, mobile homes, manufactured homes, group homes and foster care facilities adequate to meet the needs for these housing types during the planning period.

Provide for uniform and equitable treatment for persons and businesses displaced by state and local government programs consistent with Section 421.55 F.S.

Improve and maintain the quality and integrity of its residential communities.

In addition, the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) continues to address the impediments to construction of affordable housing within the community. The AHAC is currently in the process of examining barriers and educating the community about the importance of creating and maintaining

affordable housing.

The County realizes that public policies can affect the supply and new construction of affordable housing through their impacts on the cost and geographic location of these types of units. The County is dedicated to ensuring that consideration is given to affordable housing developments in areas with close proximity to transportation, employment opportunities and public services. The County will continue its regular review of existing policies and adjust when needed and appropriate, so that they are not an impediment to affordable housing provision. The County acknowledges new policies may be needed in the future, as the affordable housing market changes over time.

Discussion:

The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) continues to meet monthly and work toward solutions for addressing affordable housing.

St. Johns County has also implemented the Affordable Housing Grant Program which provides grants to eligible organizations to fund a wide range of activities to create affordable housing for very low, low, and moderate income residents of St. Johns County.

Research is underway and discussions are being had with administrators, elected officials, and civic leaders associated with both St. Johns County and the City of St. Augustine, concerning ways to address affordable housing needs within the community. At the time of this writing, St. Johns County is specifically trying to address the issue by implementing an "Affordable Housing Zone", which will create a land use zone that should spur the development of affordable housing dwellings. The application of this zone is currently undergoing the public hearing process so that it may be codified.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

St. Johns County strives to address the needs of low and moderate income persons, homeless individuals and families, and underserved populations. The majority of the strategies and actions taken by the County are done so in collaboration with non-profit agencies, municipalities, other organizations, and advisory boards/committees. The following actions will outline how the County will address underserved needs, affordable housing, reduce lead-based paint hazards, reduce the number of poverty level families in the County, and develop an institutional structure to ensure the success of activities aimed at low and moderate income persons.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Obstacles to addressing underserved needs include the lack of resources to accomplish the identified goals and needs. The County will take the following actions to address those obstacles:

1. Provide support to homeless individuals and families, and other underserved populations, by allocating funds to non-profit agencies that provide support to those populations
2. Promote cooperation between agencies by participating in different coordinating bodies in St. Johns County, such as but not limited to, the Continuum of Care, the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, Health and Human Services Advisory Council, and the Housing Finance Authority
3. Search and apply for new funding from Federal and/or State sources
4. Address infrastructure deficiencies in low to moderate income areas through CDBG funding

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The St. Johns County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) has the responsibility of reviewing and assessing established policies and procedures, ordinances, and land development regulations, as well as the local government comprehensive plan, and recommending specific action or initiatives to encourage or facilitate affordable housing. The AHAC is required to furnish a report outlining recommendations to the State of Florida once every three years. At the end of 2019, a report was submitted to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation that served as a recommendation to the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners that addressed 13 possible incentives addressing affordable housing. The incentives addressed were as follows:

1. The processing of approvals of development orders or permits, as defined in Florida Statute 163.3164(7) and (8), for affordable housing projects is expedited to a greater degree than other projects.
2. The modification of impact-fee requirements, including reduction or waiver of fees and alternative methods of fee payment for affordable housing.

3. The allowance of flexibility in densities for affordable housing.
4. The reservation of infrastructure capacity for housing for very-low-income persons, low-income persons, and moderate-income persons.
5. The allowance of affordable accessory residential units in residential zoning districts.
6. Reduction of parking and setback requirements for affordable housing.
7. The modification of street requirements for affordable housing
8. The establishment of a process by which a local government considers, before adoption, policies, procedures, ordinances, regulations, or plan provisions that increase the cost of housing.
9. The preparation of a printed inventory of locally owned public lands suitable for affordable housing.
10. The support of development near transportation hubs and major employment centers and mixed-use developments.
11. Utilization of public lands set aside for affordable housing per Florida Statutes.
12. Homebuyer Programs/Advocacy
13. Economic Impact

The AHAC continues to meet and with their support, staff continues to research their recommendations, or other actions that are similar, in an effort to promote affordable housing initiatives to the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Actions to address lead-based paint hazards and to increase access to housing without lead-based paint hazards are supported by the Florida Department of Health (DOH), through integrated partnerships and programs administered by local county health departments. Public health programs administered by the DOH-St. Johns County Health Department include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) Surveillance and Epidemiology: Tracking and follow-up of reportable conditions, such as lead exposure, as well as case management, including risk screenings and home assessments, as needed;
- (2) Environmental Public Health: Inspection of limited-use drinking water systems and timely water quality monitoring related to lead and other contaminants; environmental health education;
- (3) Public Health Practice and Policy: One of our many community partnerships, the St. Johns County Health Leadership Council convenes the triennial Community Health Assessment (CHA), which uses a formal method to identify key issues in our community (i.e. safe housing, transportation, etc.) and community health status data (i.e. lead poisoning rates, access to community water systems, etc.). DOH-St. Johns partners with the federally funded Head Start program by serving as a seasonal co-location site to allow for comprehensive screenings (i.e. child development and lead exposure) to children ages 3 to

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(4) Healthy Start (a Maternal and Child Health Program): Registered nurses review screenings of pregnant moms and infants then, as needed, conduct home visits which include a safety assessment (i.e. for potential sources of lead exposure) and child developmental screenings. Through the Nurse Case Management Model, those clients living in housing with LBP hazards are provided guidance on how to reduce exposure and if needed, are provided information on how to access safe housing.

(5) Community Linkages: Because many residents still associate DOH-St. Johns with primary care services/lab testing services, residents frequently contact our Nurse Triage Call Center for referrals/linkages to lead testing locations within the community.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The County's poverty-reducing goals and policies are established by the Board of County Commissioners which governs and provides direction to all County departments administering poverty-reducing programs. Coordination between departments is facilitated through collaborative planning efforts, participation on coordinating bodies, and program-specific partnerships. St. Johns County has overall objectives and policies in the Comprehensive Plan that are geared toward poverty reduction. Objective A.1.9 and related policies address mixed use development, Objective A.1.11 and related policies address efficient and compact development, Objective A.1.13 and related policies address community and neighborhood creation and preservation, Objective A.1.21 and related policies address economic development, Objective A.2.1, applies to the Northwest Sector which allows for an economically diverse area and Objective A.3.1 which apply to the Town Center design which allows for economically diverse areas. In addition to the above the County will continue to:

Upgrade the Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) Housing Stock, which predominantly provides for low income persons and continues its efforts to develop low to moderate income rental housing stock.

Inventory all surplus County-owned land, foreclosed properties, and in-fill opportunities that could be used to promote affordable housing provision and production. A number of properties in this inventory have been earmarked for the purpose of expanding affordable housing options within the county and County staff is currently developing a procedure by which the County shall distribute these lots in a competitive and equitable manner.

Strategically work with developers, community members, and various boards and groups seeking to develop affordable housing projects close to major employment centers and available amenities.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

St. Johns County has a strong institutional delivery system that manages and delivers services from community programs. There are a number of public and private agencies within the County that

participate year round in the provision of housing, public services, economic development services, homeless services, and other community development activities, including: capital improvements, public facilities and infrastructure. The County also has several groups that collaborate continually to lobby for resources to alleviate identified gaps within the community. These groups include, but are not limited to: Health and Human Services Advisory Council (HHSAC), Health Leadership Council, Behavioral Health Consortium, Continuum of Care (CoC), Housing Finance Authority (HFA) and the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC). Each of these groups has representatives from various agencies that provide services for the institutional delivery system within the County. As such, communication between agencies is frequent, goal oriented, and aimed at resolving needs and gaps identified within the County. The following are currently underway or will begin during the program year:

1. The Comprehensive Needs Assessment is complete and available for review as Flagler Hospital, Department of Health St. Johns County, Health and Human Services Advisory Council, and the Behavioral Health Consortium collaborated on an updated assessment aimed at identifying gaps related to healthcare, mental health, substance abuse and other socio-economic concerns.
2. The Continuum of Care is in the final stages of completing an updated 10 year Strategic Plan to End Homelessness.
3. County staff has implemented the Affordable Housing Grant to address the affordable housing needs of the County. At the time of this writing, (4/27/20), 3 projects have been completed:
 - Renovation of three freestanding housing units, which were vacant or being used as office space and converted them to residences (Emergency Services and Homeless Coalition of St. Johns County, Inc.),
 - Provided infrastructure to develop a residential subdivision which will provide a minimum of 18 affordable residences on property located in West St. Augustine on vacant land lacking full vehicular access and necessary infrastructure (Habitat for Humanity),
 - Paying for site plans, environmental costs, and the start of underground/above-ground infrastructure associated with a twenty-five thousand square foot, sixty to one-hundred bed housing campus (Alpha Omega).
 - St. Johns Housing Partnership purchased .7 acres of land to provide for four rental units.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

St. Johns County will continue to partner and work with multiple public and private housing and social service agencies to address the housing and community development needs of low and moderate income residents. The County is an active participant in the CoC, the Health and Human Services Advisory Council, the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, the Housing Finance Authority, and other committees that coordinate with service providers, private organizations, and other stakeholders. The County will also continue to fund non-profit organizations that provide social services and housing

facilities to residents in need.

Discussion:

St. Johns County works with St. Johns County Legal Aid, located in St. Augustine, FL, for technical assistance with implementing Fair Housing. Housing staff continues to attend trainings, both locally and via the internet, in an effort to stay versed on renter rights, Fair Housing, local supply issues, and on possible grant opportunities for individuals who require assistance with rent, utility deposits, and eviction avoidance. Staff participates in trainings, in large part so that they are better able to discern what is a Fair Housing issue and a civil issue between parties, and provide references to individuals who are in need of assistance.

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Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(l)(1,2,4)

Introduction:

HUD requested St. Johns County complete an Analysis of Impediments (AI) in 2019. The AI was completed in March of 2019 and can be found on the County's website: <http://www.sjcfi.us/Housing/media/AnalysisofImpedimentsFINAL3-15-19.pdf>. County staff is addressing the impediments to fair housing choice and recommended actions, as recognized in the plan. Additional information can be found in the Discussion section below.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

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| 1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed | 0 |
| 2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan. | 0 |
| 3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements | 0 |
| 4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan | 0 |
| 5. The amount of income from float-funded activities. | 0 |
| Total Program Income: | 0 |

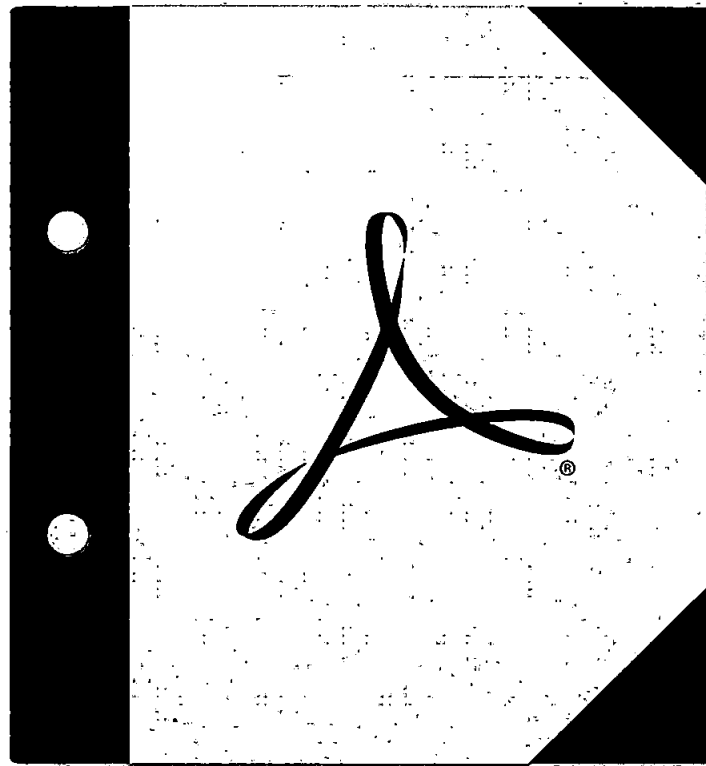
Other CDBG Requirements

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| 1. The amount of urgent need activities | 1 |
| 2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan. | 70.00% |

At the time of this writing, the County plans to use FY 2020-2021 CDBG funds to respond to community needs such as affordable housing, public services, and public facilities and infrastructure.

See appendices for information outlining Fair Housing Issues, Contributing Factors, and Recommended Actions associated with the Analysis of Impediments.

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CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

Anti-Lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan --The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.

Signature of Authorized Official

Date

Title

Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2020 - 2022 [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.

Signature of Authorized Official

Date

Title

OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

Signature of Authorized Official

Date

Title

Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance -- If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plan.

Eligible Activities and Costs -- It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR §§92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in §92.214.

Subsidy layering -- Before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;

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Emergency Solutions Grants Certifications

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program recipient certifies that:

Major rehabilitation/conversion/renovation – If an emergency shelter's rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed rehabilitation.

If the cost to convert a building into an emergency shelter exceeds 75 percent of the value of the building after conversion, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed conversion.

In all other cases where ESG funds are used for renovation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 3 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed renovation.

Essential Services and Operating Costs – In the case of assistance involving shelter operations or essential services related to street outreach or emergency shelter, the recipient will provide services or shelter to homeless individuals and families for the period during which the ESG assistance is provided, without regard to a particular site or structure, so long the recipient serves the same type of persons (e.g., families with children, unaccompanied youth, disabled individuals, or victims of domestic violence) or persons in the same geographic area.

Renovation – Any renovation carried out with ESG assistance shall be sufficient to ensure that the building involved is safe and sanitary.

Supportive Services – The recipient will assist homeless individuals in obtaining permanent housing, appropriate supportive services (including medical and mental health treatment, victim services, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living), and other Federal State, local, and private assistance available for these individuals.

Matching Funds – The recipient will obtain matching amounts required under 24 CFR 576.201.

Confidentiality – The recipient has established and is implementing procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG program, including protection against the release of the address or location of any family violence shelter project, except with the written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of that shelter.

Homeless Persons Involvement – To the maximum extent practicable, the recipient will involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, in providing services assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under the program.

Consolidated Plan – All activities the recipient undertakes with assistance under ESG are consistent with its consolidated plan.

Discharge Policy – The recipient will establish and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent this discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for these persons.

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Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Certifications

The HOPWA grantee certifies that:

Activities -- Activities funded under the program will meet urgent needs that are not being met by available public and private sources.

Building -- Any building or structure assisted under that program shall be operated for the purpose specified in the consolidated plan:

1. For a period of not less than 10 years in the case of assistance involving new construction, substantial rehabilitation, or acquisition of a facility,
2. For a period of not less than 3 years in the case of assistance involving non-substantial rehabilitation or repair of a building or structure.

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APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.