



St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners

Housing & Community Development

PUBLIC NOTICE

St. Johns County Community Development Block Grant

Proposed 2019-2020 Action Plan

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that St. Johns County has prepared a proposed 2019-2020 Action Plan as required by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. St. Johns County receives CDBG funds as an entitlement community 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 an Annual Action Plan are requirements of receiving CDBG funds.

The Five Year Consolidated Plan was prepared by St. Johns County and includes a discussion of 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 Annual Action Plan lays out how the funds will be used for qualifying purposes such as projects, programs, and administration. For the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year, HUD allocated \$930,264

for St. Johns County. The FY2019-2020 proposed Action Plan will provide for the following expenditures:

Priority #2 -Infrastructure Activities:

- \$161,291 for installation of water and sewer infrastructure to serve low to moderate income households and an affordable housing community.

Priority #5 -Affordable Housing:

- \$249,000 for construction of five affordable rental housing units.
- \$333,921 for construction of eight affordable housing units that will be sold to qualified low to moderate income households.

Planning and Administration:

- \$186,052 for HUD-approved administrative costs associated with establishing and maintaining a CDBG program.

St. Johns County has established a list of provisional projects, contingent on funds becoming available to fully or partially execute one or more of the projects during the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year; these provisional projects include:

- Supportive services for elders and single parents who have experienced homelessness.
- Acquisition of land to be used for an affordable housing neighborhood.
- Countywide homeless prevention services.
- Rehabilitation of an historic building that is to be used for affordable rental housing.
- After-school programing for students of South Woods Elementary School.
- Tutoring and after-school programing for students at the Solomon Calhoun Community Center.
- Countywide homeless outreach services.
- Planning and developing a community/cultural center in Armstrong.

The Current Citizens Participation Plan, Consolidated Plan, and the proposed 2019-2020 Draft Action Plan are available for review beginning June 14, 2019, Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM at the Health and Human Services Department at 200 San Sebastian View, Suite 2300, St. Augustine, FL 32084. These documents can also be viewed on the St. Johns County website: <http://www.sjcfl.us/Housing/CDBG.aspx>.

The purpose of this public notice is to fulfill the requirements of the St. Johns County Citizens Participation Plan by ensuring that the public is informed of the proposed 2019-2020 Action Plan. The public comment period is June 14, 2019 through July 16, 2019. Comments from the public are encouraged and will be accepted during this period at the Health and Human Services

Department at 200 San Sebastian View, Suite 2300, St. Augustine, FL 32084. A written response will be given within fifteen (15) days, to all written comments received. For additional information, please contact Greg Lulkoski at 904-827-6897.

Public Hearing: There will be a Public Hearing to present and discuss the proposed 2019-2020 Action Plan at 3:00 PM on June 28, 2019, in the Kingfisher Conference Room in the Health and Human Services Building at 200 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084.

Final Action: The proposed 2019-2020 Action Plan is scheduled for Board action July 16, 2019, at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of County Commissioners in the County Commission Chambers, 500 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, Florida 32084. Prior to adopting the 2019-2020 Action Plan, St. Johns County will allow for public comment in order to obtain citizens' views and comments on the proposed Action Plan. Interested parties are encouraged to attend and participate.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in these proceedings should contact the ADA Coordinator at 904-209-0650, or at the County Administration Building at 500 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084. 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. The public meeting will 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 each meeting.

