



CDBG AFFORDABLE HOUSING - FUNDING AVAILABILITY

St. Johns County is giving public notice of a new funding opportunity under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Through a competitive application process, eligible organizations may propose “shovel ready” projects aligned with the County’s Priority Goal on Affordable Housing. Proposed projects must be able to be completed within three months. The available funding is \$170,000. These funds are available due to the need to re-allocate unspent funds from the Fiscal Years 2016 – 2017 and 2017 – 2018. **Applications are due by 4:00 PM on April 25, 2019.**

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. In accordance with the County’s Citizen Participation Plan, citizens are encouraged to participate in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the CDBG program. Through the application process, the County makes a portion of CDBG funds available to the community. St. Johns County may use CDBG funds within the unincorporated areas of the County and within the city limits of St. Augustine Beach.

The Affordable Housing CDBG application and instructions are available on the County website at: <http://www.sjcf.us/Housing/CDBG.aspx>. A paper copy of the application may be obtained Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM at the Health and Human Services Department; 200 San Sebastian View; Suite 2300; St. Augustine, FL 32084. Additional information about the CDBG program and this funding opportunity can be obtained by calling 904-827-6897 or contacting: glulkoski@sjcf.us.

CDBG Affordable Housing applications will be evaluated and scored by an independent committee at a public meeting held at 2:00 PM on May 2, 2019, in the Osprey Conference Room, Health and Human Services, 200 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084. 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 don’t meet the regulations of the CDBG program, or are not submitted according to instructions or by the submission deadline.

St. Johns County developed a Five Year Consolidated Plan with participation from County staff, elected officials, affordable housing and social service providers, and local citizens. The Consolidated Plan includes a discussion of local needs and strategies to meet those needs. Projects proposed in applications must be aligned with **Priority Goal #5**, stated in the Consolidated Plan as: **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, St. Augustine, FL 32084. These documents can also be viewed on the St. Johns County website: <http://www.sjcf.us/Housing/CDBG.aspx>.

NOTICE TO PERSONS NEEDING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS AND TO ALL DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING PERSONS: 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, Florida 32084. For deaf and/or hard of hearing individuals: Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD): (904) 209-0650, or the Florida Relay Service: (800) 955-8770.



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