

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CDBG First Public Hearing Notice

The Washington County Board of County Commissioners (the “County”) is considering applying to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for a FFY 2021/2022 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The County intends to reapply FFY 2023 if funding is not available in the prior cycle. The County is eligible to apply for up to \$750,000.00 in the neighborhood revitalization, commercial revitalization, and housing rehabilitation categories; and up to \$1,500,000.00 in the economic development category. Construction activities funded through the CDBG Program must meet one of the following National Objectives:

- Benefit to low- and moderate- income (LMI) persons;
- Prevent or eliminate slum or blight conditions; or
- Meet a need of recent origin having a particular urgency.

The types of activities for which CDBG funds may be used include constructing stormwater ponds, paving roads and sidewalks, installing sewer and water lines, building a community center or park, making improvements to a sewage treatment plant, and rehabilitating low-income homes. Additional information regarding the range of activities that could be funded will be provided at the public hearing.

In developing a CDBG application, the County must plan to minimize displacement of persons as a result of the activities. In addition, the Holmes County is required to develop a plan to assist displaced persons.

A public hearing to obtain citizen comment concerning the County’s economic and community development needs will be held at the Washington County Board of County Commission Chambers, 1331 South Boulevard, Chipley, FL 32428 on January 19, 2022, at 9:00a.m. local time or shortly thereafter. For information concerning the public hearing, contact Karen Shaw, Grants/Special Projects Coordinator, at (850) 638-6058 or by e-mail at kshaw@washingtonfl.com.

The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in the hearing is asked to advise the County at least five days before the hearing by contacting Karen Shaw, Grants/Special Projects Coordinator, at (850) 638-6058 or by e-mail at kshaw@washingtonfl.com. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the County using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800) 955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800) 955-8770 (Voice).

Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should contact Karen Shaw, Grants/Special Projects Coordinator, at (850) 638-6058 or by e-mail at kshaw@washingtonfl.com, at least five (5) days prior to the hearing and an interpreter will be provided.

La audiencia pública se lleva a cabo en un lugar accesible para discapacitados. De conformidad con las disposiciones de la Ley de Americanos con Discapacidades, se le pide a cualquier persona que requiera adaptaciones especiales para participar en la audiencia que informe al Condado por lo menos cinco días antes de la audiencia contactando a Karen Shaw, al (850) 638-6058 o por correo electrónico a kshaw@washingtonfl.com. Si tiene problemas de audición o del habla, comuníquese con el Condado utilizando el Servicio de Retransmisión de Florida, 1(800) 955-8771 (TDD) o 1(800) 955-8770 (Voz).

Cualquier persona que no hable inglés y desee asistir a la audiencia pública debe comunicarse con a Karen Shaw al (850) 638-6058 o por correo electrónico a kshaw@washingtonfl.com, por lo menos cinco (5) días antes de la audiencia y se le proporcionará un intérprete.

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