

Notice of Public Hearing and Intent to Apply for CDBG-CV Grant Funds CDBG-CV Small Cities and Entitlement Programs

Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners is considering applying for the Community Development Block Grant - CV (CDBG-CV) Small Cities and Entitlement program. The program is administered by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO). CDBG-CV funds are federally awarded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and designed to help local governments prepare for, prevent, or respond to the health and economic impacts of the pandemic. The activities must be critical to Calhoun County and primarily for the benefit of low- and moderate-income residents. Local governments are encouraged to include activities that benefit workforce housing, training, and sustainability, as well as broadband infrastructure and planning. Nearly \$42 million is available through the CDBG-CV Small Cities program.

A public hearing will be held on October 21, 2021, at the Calhoun County Board of County Commission Special Meeting located at the Calhoun County Extension Center, 20816 Central Avenue, Blountstown, Florida. The meeting begins at 2:00 PM CST.

Funds for the program are designed to help local governments to prepare for, prevent, or respond to the health and economic impacts of the pandemic.

Each Activity Funded by CDBG Must Meet One of the Following National Objectives:

- Provide benefit to low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons;
- Prevent or eliminate slum or blight conditions; or
- Address urgent community development needs, which pose a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community for which other funding is not available.

Eligible Activities include:

- Acquisition; Workforce Housing; Public Improvements; Public Facilities; Business Assistance; Microenterprise Assistance; Public Services, including Workforce Training; Planning; and Broadband Planning and Public Infrastructure.

Applications for the CDBG-CV Small Cities and Entitlement programs must be submitted by November 1, 2021, at 5 p.m., Eastern Time.

This public hearing is being conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act to ensure accessibility to all. Any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this public hearing is asked to reach out to Juanice Wengerd at 850-674-3966 or jwengerd@calhouncountygov.com. If you are hearing, speech impaired, or need other accommodations, please contact Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, which can provide many different services including Spanish to English translation.