

CITY OF
GAINESVILLE

CDBG PLAN AMENDMENTS
VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING
JUNE 9, 2020 AT 2:00 P.M.

- Citizen Participation Plan
- 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan
- 2019 Annual Action Plan

**PUBLIC HEARING:
AMENDMENT FOR CDBG-CV**

1. Welcome & Meeting Guidelines
2. CDBG Program
 - a) General Information
 - b) National Objectives & Eligible Activities
 - c) Citizen Participation Plan, Consolidated Plan & Annual Action Plan
 - d) CDBG-CV Special Allocation
3. Proposed Amendments & Timeline
4. Questions & Comments



LIVE DIGITAL ZOOM MEETING & RECORDATION

- The presentation is being offered live through a digital ZOOM meeting and is being recorded. The recording will be available on the City's of Gainesville's website at <https://www.gainesville.org/hud-consolidated-plan>
- Documents available on the website:
 - 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan (amended)
 - 2019 Annual Action Plan (amended)
 - Citizen Participation Plan (amended)



COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

1. Staff will present the proposed amendments to the 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan, 2019 Annual Action Plan, and Citizen Participation Plan.
2. Submit any questions you have through the ZOOM Chat/Question dialog box, or email them to jtullar@gainesvillega.gov, and we will try to answer them live at the end of the presentation.
3. You also can schedule an appointment with the Housing & Special Projects Division to discuss your comments or answer program eligibility questions directly related to your concerns.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM:

- One of the longest-running programs of the U.S Department of Housing & Urban Development, signed into law in 1974
- CDBG grants must develop a 5-year Consolidated Plan with Annual Action Plans outlining proposed activities & identifying which National Objective & Eligibility Requirements have been met



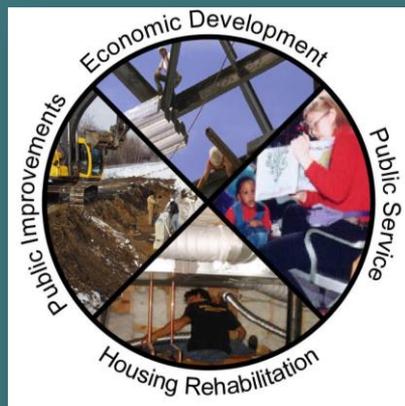
CDBG FUNDING OBJECTIVES

- National Objectives:
 - Benefit low- and moderate-income persons
 - Prevent or eliminate slum or blight
 - Meet urgent community development needs
- Do research & collect data on needs
 - Two methods:
 - Census, Comprehensive Plan, academic resources, city data
 - Public hearings & public meetings on community needs



CDBG ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- Housing & other property activities
- Public facilities & public services
- Economic development activities
- Funding to nonprofit organizations
- Planning and administration
- Other activities



CONSOLIDATED PLAN, ACTION PLAN & CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

- Five Year Plan: 2019-2023
 - Identifies local housing & community development needs
 - Provides a strategy for addressing these local needs
- Annual Action Plan: 2019
 - Describes actions to be undertaken to meet the strategic plan goals
 - Details budget for use of federal funds
- Citizen Participation Plan
 - Plan that outlines the process for citizens, nonprofit organizations & other interested parties to participate in determining how local CDBG funds are spent each year



CDBG-CV ALLOCATION

1. Gainesville was notified by HUD of a special allocation of CDBG funds to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19). This allocation was authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) and was signed into law by President Trump on 3/27/2020.
2. Gainesville's allocation is \$282,736. The funds must be used for CDBG-eligible activity and must meet a National Objective.
3. City intends to use its CDBG-CV funds to build on other community efforts being completed by local nonprofit public service agencies and local business community to combat the negative impacts of COVID-19.



PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

1. Citizen Participation Plan
 - Adds provision for expedited public comment process
2. 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan
 - Includes CARES Act & CDBG-CV special allocation
 - Compares 2019 AAP vs. Amended 2019 AAP
 - Adds CDBG-CV activities to goals
3. 2019 Annual Action Plan
 - Adjusts budget to include CDBG-CV funds
 - Adds new activities



CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN AMENDMENTS

- **Expedited Procedures:** The City of Gainesville has established expedited procedures to draft, propose, or amend its HUD Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans to accommodate special CDBG allocation, including the CDBG-CV funds authorized by the CARES Act of 2020 in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19). More specifically, the following procedures will be imposed during the time of the special circumstances, including the COVID-19 pandemic, for which the special allocation is being awarded for the specified grants and program years:
 - A five-day public comment period for citizens to review and comment on the proposed plans and activities. The plans will be posted in full on the City of Gainesville website and in summary form on the City's social media platforms.
 - A virtual public hearing will be held and will meet the public hearing requirements if:
 - National/local health authorities recommend social distancing and limiting public gatherings for public health reasons
 - Virtual hearings provide reasonable notification and access for citizens in accordance with Gainesville's certifications, timely responses from local officials to all citizen questions and issues and public access to all questions and responses



CONSOLIDATED PLAN AMENDMENTS

1. Adds language discussing the CARES Act, the special CDBG-CV allocation authorized by the CARES Act, and flexibility provided to accept and expend the special allocation
2. Outlines comparison of activities and funding between original 2019 Annual Action Plan and 2019 AMENDED Annual Action Plan
3. Includes the special allocation of \$282,736 in CDBG-CV funds to Table 50 - Anticipated Resources
4. Adds under "Public Services & Economic Opportunity" goal potential CDBG-CV funded activities, such as food and cleaning supplies; remote learning; small business assistance; medical supplies; utility assistance; budgeting and other eligible activities.

2019 ACTION PLAN AMENDMENTS

2019 Budget

Expanded Affordable Housing Supply = \$150,000
Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation = \$30,000
Homebuyer Assistance = \$0
Improved Public Facilities/Infrastructure = \$198,854
Demolition & Acquisition = \$50,000
Public Services & Economic Development = \$0
General Program Administration = \$99,713
TOTAL = \$528,567

2019 Amended Budget

Expanded Affordable Housing Supply = \$100,000
Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation = \$19,557
Homebuyer Assistance = \$10,000
Improved Public Facilities/Infrastructure = \$289,297
Demolition & Acquisition = \$20,000
Public Services & Economic Development = \$250,000
General Program Administration = \$122,449
TOTAL = \$811,303

TIMELINE

- 6/4/2020 thru 6/8/2020 = Five-day public review & comment period.
 - Plans posted on the City of Gainesville's Community & Economic Development webpage & linked from the City's website home page and Facebook page
- Tues., 6/9/2020 at 2:00 p.m. – *VIRTUAL* Public Hearing through ZOOM
- Thurs., 7/16/2020 at 9:00 a.m. – City Council Work Session
- Tues., 7/21/2020 at 5:30 p.m. – City Council Meeting to adopt
- Wed., 7/22/2020 – Submit to HUD for approval
 - HUD approval process can take up to 45 days
 - After HUD approval, City will finalize activities intended to meet community needs

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QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

*** If we don't receive and/or answer your question live, please email jtullar@gainesvillega.gov or call (770) 531-6570.

