

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF OCALA, FLORIDA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
2019-2024 CDBG CONSOLIDATED PLAN
2019-2024 CDBG CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN
2019-2020 CDBG ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

The City of Ocala is in the process of developing three important Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) documents, including the following: 2019-2024 Consolidated Plan, 2019-2024 Citizen Participation Plan, and the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan.

The **2019-2024 CDBG Consolidated Plan** will cover the 5-year period beginning on October 1, 2019 and ending on September 30, 2024 and provides the framework for the planning process that will be used by the City to identify goals, strategies and objectives for addressing priority housing, homeless, community, and economic development needs and resources, and to tailor a strategic plan for meeting those needs as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Through the Consolidated Plan (often called the "Con Plan"), the City engages the community, both in the process of developing and reviewing the proposed plan, and as partners and stakeholders in the implementation of community development programs. By consulting and collaborating with other public and private entities, the City can coordinate community development programs with a range of other plans, programs and resources to achieve greater impact. The 5-year Consolidated Plan describes the City's community development priorities, multi-year goals based on an assessment of housing and community development needs, an analysis of housing and economic market conditions, impediments to fair housing choice (Fair Housing Act of 1968, As Amended, and Section 800 Accommodations), and available resources.

Public Hearing

A Public Hearing will be held on June 19, 2019 from 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., at the City of Ocala Community Development Services Department located at 201 SE 3rd St., 2nd Floor, Ocala, FL 34471. The public is invited to submit written comments from May 30, 2019 through June 30, 2019 regarding the 5-Year Consolidated Plan 2019-2024 to the Community Development Services Department located at 201 SE 3rd St., 2nd Floor, Ocala, FL 34471 or email to brich@ocalafl.org. All written comments **MUST BE RECEIVED** by Community Development Services no later than 5:00 p.m., on June 30, 2019. If reasonable accommodations are needed to participate in this meeting please contact the Community Development Services Department a minimum of 48 hours in advance so that arrangements can be made by calling 352-629-8231.

The **2019-2024 CDBG Citizen Participation Plan** outlines the City's policies and procedures for citizen participation in the development of the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan, the review of Performance Reports, and the review of substantial amendments to any approved documents. The City is required to provide opportunities for the public to participate in the development of the Consolidated Plan. The plan must provide a summary of the citizen participation efforts made, including efforts to broaden public participation, a summary of citizen comments or views on the plan, and a written explanation of comments not accepted and the reasons why these comments were not accepted. The public, including low- and moderate-income persons and community residents, neighborhood representatives, and in areas where CDBG funds are proposed for use, minorities from any socio-economic group, persons with disabilities, public housing residents, local and regional financial institutions, including the Continuum of Care, businesses, developers, nonprofit organizations, philanthropic organizations, and faith-based organizations is encouraged to attend the public hearing. The Citizen Participation Plan is a pathway for all citizens to exercise their voices and influence decisions that affect the communities, neighborhoods, and quality of life.

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The 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan

The Consolidated Plan is carried out through Annual Action Plans, which provide concise summaries of the actions, activities, and the specific federal and non-federal resources that will be used each year to address the priority needs and specific goals identified by the Consolidated Plan. The City reports on accomplishments and progress toward Consolidated Plan goals in the **Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)**.

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Response to Citizen comments:

The public is encouraged to attend and participate in the public hearing and citizen participation process. A written response to all written comments will be given within 15 days of receipt of all comments.

The City shall consider the views of citizens, public agencies and other interested parties in preparing drafts and final submissions and attach a summary of such comments as they relate to each plan. The Consolidated Plan and Citizen Participation Plan will be submitted to HUD on or before August 15, 2019.

For more information or to submit comments on the Consolidated Plan and/or Citizen Participation Plan contact Burnadine Rich, Community Programs Manager at (352) 629-8231.