



PUBLIC NOTICE
Advertisement of Availability of Coronavirus Funding of \$267,710,
Substantial Amendment to the CDBG 2019-2023 Five-Year Consolidated
Plan,
Adoption of 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan and Amendment to the Citizen
Participation Plan

Funding Availability
Substantial Amendment
2019-2020 Annual Action Plan
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The City of Ocala Community Development Services is proposing to amend both the 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan and the 2019 Annual Action Plan and for use of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

In accordance with 24 CFR 91.05(c)(2) and subpart B of the federal regulations relative to citizen participation for Community Development Services Programs; and applicable waivers made available to those requirements through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

This is a Substantial amendment because the City is re-allocating funds from previous CDBG program years and has received a new allocation of CDBG funds and to the HUD Five Year Consolidated Plan 2019-2023 and Annual Action Plan 2019-2020 to receive additional CDBG funding made available to the City of Ocala by HUD through the CARES Act and to enable the City of Ocala to administer \$267,710 in CDBG funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The above funds will be re-allocated and allocated to support the Business below that was designed to focus the City's COVID-19 relief and recovery activities:

- Microenterprises
- Medical Manufacturing
- Public Services, Meals on Wheels
- Health Care job training

The City of Ocala is also updating its Citizen Participation Plan to provide opportunities for the public to continue to participate in a public comment process virtually, and during a shortened regulatory, advertisement, public comment, and virtual hearing timeframe.

Based on the regulatory relief provided in the CARES Act and guidance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the public will have five (5) days from publication of this advertisement to provide written comments. The proposed Annual Action Plan and amendments to the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan can be viewed at <https://www.ocalafl.org/government/city-departments-a-h/community-development-services/community-programs>



Public Comment Period and Process:

This Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan amendment is available for a 5-day public review and comment period from September 28, 2020 to October 4, 2020. Citizens who wish to submit written comments during the public review and comment period may mail them via United States Postal Services (USPS), postmarked no later than October 4, 2020, to the following address:

City of Ocala
Attention: Burnadine Rich
Manager, Community Programs Division
201 SE 3rd Street, 2nd Floor
Ocala, FL 34470

You may also email comments no later than October 4, 2020 to CommunityDevelopment@ocalafl.org.

The funds will be re-allocated and allocated as indicated above to prevent the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) and facilitate assistance to the eligible agencies and businesses economically impacted by COVID-19. Eligible cost incurred as of March 27, 2020, which is the date on which President Trump enacted the CARES Act and paid for with nonfederal funds may be reimbursed with CDBG funding, including those made under the CARES Act. The pre-awarded cost will meet all HUD requirements applicable to CDBG, including those under the CARES Act. Unless waived by HUD, CDBG pre-award costs for FY 2020-2021 will not exceed 25% of the grant and will be used to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic for the CDBG eligible activities.