



Agenda Item Summary

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Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2nd Public Hearing

Presenter:

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Description:

Second Public Hearing in support of CDBG application

Recommended Action:

Hold public hearing; direct staff to submit application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and select funding category(ies); and authorize signature authority to the County Manager or designee to submit CDBG application for funding and other required forms to apply for the CDBG Grant, including any modifications.

Prior Board Motions:

1st Public Hearing held on September 24, 2024

Fiscal Note:

NA

Strategic Guide:

Housing

Background:

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program is a federal program that provides funding for housing and community development activities. Congress created the program when it passed the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

The program, which is administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), consists of two components:

1. Entitlement Program - funds are provided directly to urban communities, and
2. State Program - funds are allocated to the states for distribution to eligible non-entitlement communities

FloridaCommerce administers the State Program in Florida through the Small Cities CDBG Program. This is a competitive grant program that awards funds to units of local government in small urban and rural areas. FloridaCommerce receives between \$18-26 million dollars annually from HUD to award subgrants to eligible units of local government.

Alachua County has applied for and secured CDBG grants in the past and seeks to make application again this application cycle. In accordance with the Florida Administrative Code concerning the CDBG Program, the County is required to hold at least one public hearing prior to application. Public notice of this meeting has been published, as required. This is the second of two required public hearings to foster citizen participation in identifying community needs and obtain Board direction on which funding category to apply for. The first public hearing was held on September 24, 2024, prior to the drafting of the grant application.