



# Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing

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# Florida Small Cities CDBG Program

- The Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024-2025 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application cycle opened March 5, 2025, and closes May 2, 2025.
- Funding is available for non-entitlement units of local government for the following program areas:
  - Neighborhood Revitalization
  - Housing Rehabilitation
  - Commercial Revitalization
  - Economic Development

# Project Requirements

To be eligible for funding, an activity must meet at least one of the following National Objectives:

- Benefit to Low-and Moderate-Income (LMI) Persons - at least 51% of the beneficiaries must be LMI persons (total household income is at or below 80% of the area's median income),
- Elimination of Slum and Blight - eliminate conditions of slum or blight on a spot or area basis, or
- Address an Urgent Need - alleviate a condition that poses a serious and immediate threat to those living in the area. The condition must have occurred within 18 months of application. The unit of local government must demonstrate that it is unable to finance the activity on its own and that other funding is not available.

# Examples of CDBG-funded projects

- Water and Sewer Improvements
- Rehabilitation of Substandard Housing
- Street and Sidewalk Improvements
- Economic Development Activities that Create Jobs for LMI Persons
- Downtown Revitalization, including Facade Improvements, Streetscaping, and Underground Utilities
- Park Facilities and Community Centers
- Drainage/Stormwater Improvements

# Alachua County CDBG Grant Award History

- Most recent grant awarded during the FFY 2023 cycle:  
Housing Rehabilitation - \$750,000
- Previous grants: Housing Rehabilitation
  - FFY 2017 - \$750,000
  - FFY 2014 - \$750,000
  - FFY 2011 - \$750,000
  - FFY 2008 - \$750,000

## Recommendation

Board provide direction to staff to apply for the FFY 2024-2025 Small Cities CDBG program and select the category; Authorize the Chair, County Manager, or designee to sign the application, certification forms, and all documents related to the CDBG grant.