

CDBG First Public Hearing Notice

Alachua County Board of County Commissioners

Alachua County is considering applying to the Florida Department of Commerce for a Federal Fiscal Year 2024 and 2025 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The County is eligible to apply for up to \$750,000 in the neighborhood revitalization, commercial revitalization, and housing rehabilitation categories, and up to \$1.5 million in the economic development category. Construction activities funded through the CDBG Program must meet one of the following National Objectives:

1. Provide benefit to low- and moderate-income persons;
2. Prevent or eliminate slum or blight conditions; or
3. Meet a need of recent origin having a particular urgency.

The types of activities that CDBG funds may be used for include constructing stormwater ponds, paving roads and sidewalks, installing sewer and water lines, building a community center or park, making improvements to a sewage treatment plant, and rehabilitating single family owner-occupied homes of lower income households. Additional information regarding the range of activities that could be funded will be provided at the public hearing.

In developing a CDBG application, the County must plan to minimize displacement of persons as a result of the activities. In addition, the County is required to develop a plan to assist displaced persons.

A public hearing to obtain citizen comment concerning the County's economic and community development needs will be held on **April 8, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.** or soon after in the Jack Durrance Auditorium at the County Administration Building, 12 SE 1st Street, Gainesville, Florida. For information concerning the public hearing, contact Ralston Reodica, Housing Director, at (352) 337-6240 or by e-mail at rreodica@alachuacounty.us.

The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in the hearing is asked to advise the County at least three days before the hearing by contacting the Equal Opportunity Office at (352) 374-5275. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the County by calling 711 to use the Florida Relay Service (TDD/TTY).

Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should contact the Equal Opportunity Office at least three days prior to the hearing and an interpreter can be provided.