

CITY OF ALACHUA
FFY 2016 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
SECOND PUBLIC HEARING - FEBRUARY 13, 2017

Purpose of the Hearing

- This is the second public hearing held to consider whether the City of Alachua shall proceed with the submission of a CDBG application.
- A Citizen Advisory Task Force meeting was held prior to the first public hearing on January 4, 2016, and the first public hearing was held on January 23, 2017.
- This second public hearing is held to present the draft CDBG application to the Commission and the public for comment, and to ask that a motion and vote be made to submit this application to the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO).
- A resolution that will serve as authorization to submit the grant application has been provided for your consideration and a vote should be taken to adopt the resolution.
- The application due date is February 16, 2017.

CDBG Program must meet one of the following National Objectives:

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

Description of Grant Category

- Neighborhood Revitalization – Assists communities with infrastructure improvements, such as paving, fire protection, drinking water, sewer, flood and drainage, handicap accessibility in public facilities, and other similar activities. It is required that no less than 51% of the residents who benefit from these activities be low to moderate income.

Description of Grant Project

- The City is proposing a request of \$700,000 in CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization grant funding to provide for repaving of existing streets and construction of sidewalks in areas of the City. Street resurfacing totaling 12,000 linear feet is being proposed on all or portions of NW 138th Way, NW 142nd Terrace, NW 154th Ave, NW 154th Place, NW 155th Lane, NW 155th Place, NW 155th Avenue, NW 156th Place, NW 157th Place, NW 158th Avenue, NW 165th Place, NW 166th Place, and NW 167th Place. The City intends to also pave NW 159th Lane. In addition to repaving, the City will provide approximately 6,700 linear feet of sidewalks along all or portions of Hipp Way, Merrillwood Drive, NW 131st Ter, NW 132nd Dr, NW 132nd Ter, NW 133rd Ter, NW 134th Ter, NW 135th Ter, NW 150th Ave, NW 151st Ave, NW 151st Ln, NW 151st Pl, NW 152nd Pl, NW 153rd Ln, NW 153rd Pl, NW 154th Ave, NW 154th Ln, NW 154th Pl, NW 155th Ln, NW 155th Pl, NW 157th Ave, NW 157th Ter, NW 158th Ave. Final project locations will be determined by project costs, income survey data, and eligibility of the area.
- The City anticipates that the design will be complete by the application due date and local funds are anticipated as matching funds for the grant. These two factors greatly increase the competitiveness of the grant application.
- Income levels for the project areas have been established using household income surveying to determine that the area meets the required national objective of benefiting low and moderate income persons.
- If successful, this grant application will provide \$700,000 in administration, engineering and construction funding for the City's infrastructure needs. The City is projecting that \$50,000 in local matching funds will supplement the CDBG grant funding for the project.

Recommended Motions:

1. ***“Motion to submit the FFY 2016 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Neighborhood Revitalization category application to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.”***
2. ***“Motion to adopt the attached enabling resolution authorizing signature of the necessary application documents.”***