Florida Small Cities CDBG Program Application Overview Webinar for Federal Fiscal Year 2019

August 18, 2020
AGENDA

• Division of Community Development Overview
• Office of Community Partnerships Overview
• CDBG – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Update
• FFY 2019 Small Cities CDBG Application Overview Presentation
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  ▪ Applicant Eligibility
  ▪ National Objectives and Project Activities
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The Office of Community Partnerships is responsible for the following programs and initiatives:

- Competitive Florida Partnership
- Regional Rural Development Grant (RRDG)
- Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI)
- Office of Broadband
  - Established in July 2020 to increase the availability and effectiveness of broadband internet throughout the state, specifically in small and rural communities.
• Florida Communities Quarterly Newsletter includes:
  ▪ Economic Development best practices;
  ▪ Community success stories;
  ▪ Local and regional events; and
  ▪ Information about upcoming opportunities for small and rural communities.

• Contact Katie Smith to sign-up to receive the Florida Communities Quarterly Newsletter.
CDBG-CORONAVIRUS (CDBG-CV)

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act has appropriated $5 billion in Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funding to assist the nation’s low-income families and most vulnerable citizens.

- **Florida’s Allocation - $154.8 million**
- **State Administered - $79.8 million**
  - $63.1 million to the state to administer in entitlement and non-entitlement communities.
  - $16.7 million to the state to administer in non-entitlement communities (Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program).
- **Local Government Administered - $75 million**
  - Funding will be provided directly to entitlement communities from the federal government.
CDBG-CORONAVIRUS (CDBG-CV) TIMELINE

• On July 21, 2020, DEO opened the public comment period for a Substantial Amendment to the state of Florida’s 2019 Action Plan to incorporate CDBG-CV funds.

• On May 11, 2020, HUD allocated $1 billion nationwide directly to states for use in both entitlement and non-entitlement communities.

• On April 21, 2020, HUD allocated $2 billion nationwide using the Fiscal Year 2020 funding formula.

• On April 2, 2020, HUD announced that it will make $3 billion of the $5 billion appropriated by Congress available to states.

• Learn more at FloridaJobs.org/CDBG-CV.
GENERAL CDBG PROGRAM INFORMATION

• Federal program administered by the DEO Small Cities CDBG Program.

• Provides funding for housing and community development activities.

• Governed by Federal and State regulations:
  ▪ Section 290.044, Florida Statutes.
  ▪ Florida Administrative Code, Chapter 73C-23.
SMALL CITIES CDBG FUNDING CATEGORIES

- Commercial Revitalization
- Economic Development
- Housing Rehabilitation
- Neighborhood Revitalization
SMALL CITIES CDBG PROJECTS


Housing Rehabilitation – Monticello: Housing brought into compliance with adopted housing codes.
SMALL CITIES CDBG PROJECTS

Neighborhood Revitalization – Apopka: Construction of a new neighborhood community center.
FUNDING CEILINGS

Based on current U.S. Census Population:
- Counties – populations in unincorporated areas only.

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Economic Development Grants - $1.5 million maximum amount.

- Funding limit calculation:
  - Number of full time equivalent (FTE) jobs to be created or retained multiplied by $34,999.
  - 50% of FTEs must be available to LMI.
FFY 2019 CDBG APPLICATION CYCLE

• Opens August 19, 2020.

• Closes October 5, 2020, at 5 p.m. Eastern Time (ET).

• Electronic submission:
  ▪ Email request to submit electronically to CDBG@deo.myflorida.com no later than September 25, 2020.
  ▪ DEO will reply with instructions for uploading application documents.

• Mail or ship to:
  Department of Economic Opportunity
  Florida Small Cities CDBG Program
  107 East Madison Street, MSC 400
  Tallahassee, FL 32399-6508

• Mailed, shipped or electronic applications must be received by 5 p.m. on October 5, 2020.
CDBG APPLICATION RESOURCES

• Upcoming Application Workshop Information:

  ▪ FFY 2019 CDBG Application Workshop Webinar:
    □ August 25, 2020 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Eastern Time (ET).
    □ Highly detailed application completion and submission information.

• Visit www.floridajobs.org/CDBGApplicantInfo.
  ▪ FFY 2019 Eligible Communities List.
  ▪ Application form downloads and instructions.
  ▪ Census data links.
CDBG ELIGIBILITY & AWARD PROCESS

Eligible Applicants

• Counties – population in unincorporated area less than 200,000.

• Cities – population less than 50,000.
  ▪ No special entitlement status.
  ▪ Have not opted to join entitlement program.

Ineligible Applicants

• Entitlement communities.

• Small communities that opt to participate in an Entitlement Program.

FFY 2019 Eligible Communities List is available at FloridaJobs.org/CDBGApplicantInfo.
WHAT AFFECTS ELIGIBILITY?

An open housing rehabilitation, neighborhood revitalization or commercial revitalization agreement:

- Open agreement – not administratively closed out.
- Not eligible for housing rehabilitation, neighborhood revitalization or commercial revitalization.
- Eligible for economic development grant, if current agreement activities are on schedule.

An open economic development agreement:

- Eligible for a housing rehabilitation, neighborhood revitalization and commercial revitalization, if current agreement activities are on schedule.
NATIONAL OBJECTIVES

Each activity funded by CDBG must meet one of the following National Objectives:

• Provide benefit to low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons.
  ▪ Indirect benefit activities (e.g. road paving).
    □ At least 51% of beneficiaries must be LMI.
  ▪ Direct benefit activities (e.g. housing rehabilitation).
    □ 100 % of beneficiaries must be LMI.

• Prevent or eliminate slum or blight conditions.
  ▪ Commercial revitalization projects only.
  ▪ Activities must address slum or blight.

• Address urgent community development needs, which pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community for which other funding is not available.
ELIGIBLE AND INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Eligible
• Water and sewer.
• Street and sidewalk paving.
• Flood and drainage.
• Fire protection.
• Parking lots.
• Natural gas lines and spurs.
• Community center.
• Temporary shelters.
• Parks and playgrounds.
• Housing rehabilitation.
• Temporary relocation.
• Building facades.

Ineligible
• General government expenses.
• Buildings for the general conduct of government.
• Political activities.
• Purchase of equipment (with exceptions).
• Operating and maintenance expenses.
• New housing (with exceptions).
• Income payments.
Thank You.

Visit the Small Cities CDBG program applicant information webpage for additional details and resources:

www.floridajobs.org/CDBGApplicantInfo

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