



**City Of Port St. Lucie
Notice Of Public Hearing For Public Input On
The City's Final Application For The
Community Development Block Grant
Coronavirus (Cdbg-Cv) Grant Round 2**

The City of Port St. Lucie will open a public hearing for the purpose of collecting citizen input on a proposed final application for the Florida Department of Economic Opportunities (DEO) Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Entitlement Program Round 2 on **October 515, 2021** at 9:30 a.m. The City is preparing a final application to request \$1.5 million of funding for a small business grant program. The program will be a joint effort of the City of Port St. Lucie and the Florida Small Business Development Center (SBDC). The SBDC managed a \$2 million small business grant program for businesses affected by COVID-19 in 2020 of which 60% of the funding awarded was distributed to City businesses. Staff has determined there is a need for an additional program for 2021.

In April 2020, pursuant to passage of the CARES Act, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocated additional CDBG funds (CDBG-CV) to the state of Florida to address issues related to the impacts of COVID-19. HUD has provided three allocations to states and entitlement grantees under the fiscal year 2020 CDBG formula. DEO has received a total of \$100 million in Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funding. In May 2020, HUD allocated \$63.1 million for use in both entitlement and non-entitlement communities. DEO has created the CDBG-CV Entitlement Program for the award and administration of Round 2 funds for entitlement communities through its state CDBG program. As an entitlement community the City has received Round 1 and Round 3 funding which has been allocated to the distribution of Wi-Fi hotspots to students in need, rent and mortgage assistance and vaccine distribution events. The City is now applying for Round 2 funding to be allocated towards small business assistance. Additional information about the program can be found on the DEO's website here: <http://www.floridajobs.org/community-planning-and-development/assistance-for-governments-and-organizations/community-development-block-grant-program/community-development-block-grant---coronavirus-relief-funding>.

The DEO Small Cities Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Program is designed to help prepare for, prevent, or respond to the health and economic impacts of COVID-19. The activities must be critical to the locality and primarily for the benefit of low- and moderate-income residents. Additional information about eligible activities can be found in the DEO's Guidelines here: <http://www.floridajobs.org/docs/default-source/2015-community->

[development/community-revitalization/cdbg/cdbg-cv/entitlementprogramguidelinesrevised2-17-21.pdf?sfvrsn=b80e4db0_2](https://www.cityofpsl.com/development/community-revitalization/cdbg/cdbg-cv/entitlementprogramguidelinesrevised2-17-21.pdf?sfvrsn=b80e4db0_2)

The public hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, October 515, 2021 at City Hall, in the Council Chambers, located at 121 SW Port St. Lucie Boulevard in Port St. Lucie.

Please visit www.cityofpsl.com/tv for new public comment options as a result of COVID-19. All comments must be received 2 hours prior to the meeting start time.

NOTICE: INDIVIDUALS ARE SUBJECT TO MEDICAL SCREENING PRIOR TO ENTERING ANY CITY BUILDING AND ENTRY MAY BE DENIED IF ANY INDICATOR OF ILLNESS OR PRIOR EXPOSURE IS IDENTIFIED.

The public can also submit their comments for up to 5 days after the public hearing. From 10/515/2021 until 5:00 p.m. on 10/22/2021 the public may submit any comments on the proposed application in writing by email to NICE@cityofpsl.com or by mail or in person at City Hall. All comments mailed in or dropped off at City Hall should be addressed to:

City of Port St. Lucie - Neighborhood Services – CDBG-CV Round 2 Comments
121 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd.
Port St. Lucie, FL 34984

If you have any questions about the application, you may contact the City’s Business Navigator Office at 772-873-6374 or email economicdevelopment@cityofpsl.com.

In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the City Clerk’s Office at (772) 871-5157.