



**City of Port St. Lucie Notice of Public Hearing for Public Input on
the Amendment of the 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
Action Plan & Funding Allocations**

The City of Port St. Lucie will hold a public hearing on March 22, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. during a regular City Council meeting in the Council Chambers, Building A, 121 SW Port St. Lucie Boulevard, Port St. Lucie, Florida, 34984. The purpose of the hearing is to receive citizen comments on the CDBG-CV (Coronavirus) funding allocation and proposed activities to be included in the amended 2019/2020 CDBG Action Plan. All citizen comments received will be incorporated in the Action Plan amendment and submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The Action Plan is the annual operating plan designed to meet specific objectives identified in the City's CDBG 5 year Consolidated Plan. It lists the activities that the City of Port St. Lucie intends to pursue through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to address the objectives identified in the Consolidated Plan. The plans are available on the City's website for review at www.cityofpsl.com/cdbg

In April 2020, the City received \$643,773 in (CDBG-CV Round 1) funds for the 2019/2020 program year which runs from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. A public hearing was held in May 2020 regarding the first round of funding. In September 2020 the City received notification that the City was receiving an additional allocation of \$748,802 in (CDBG-CV Round 3) funds for the 2019/2020 program year. The City's cumulative amount for all allocation rounds is \$1,392,575 and the Action Plan will be amended to reflect this latest allocation. These CDBG-CV funds are in addition to the City's regular CDBG funding and are to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19). This allocation was authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, which was signed by President Trump on March 27, 2020, to respond to the growing effects of this historic public health crisis.

In general, eligible projects must benefit low and moderate-income persons, address an urgent need or address slum and blight. All activities must follow all of HUD's rules and regulations and duplication of benefits must be avoided. Eligible activity categories include public facilities, public services, housing, and community and economic development.

Staff will recommend that the cumulative allocation be used for COVID-19 relief and response in the following manner:

- Provide funding for an Emergency Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program
- Provide economic support to area small businesses through a grant program
- Provide microenterprise assistance – for food delivery, cleaning & other services to support home health & quarantine

- Provide equipment, supplies & materials needed to carry out a public service
- Gather data and develop non-project specific infectious disease response plan

To date the CDBG-CV funding has been used to provide Wi-Fi hotspots for families in need to further access to virtual school options during the pandemic and vaccine events to further access to vaccines in low to moderate income areas. Additional activities will be planned as community unmet needs and input are analyzed and other funding sources and projects are taken into consideration. Currently, rental and mortgage assistance programs are being provided through other allocations that have been received via the Florida Housing Coalition and the U.S. Department of the Treasury. CDBG-CV rental and mortgage assistance will be offered after these other programs have been exhausted. Additional, project plans will be reviewed by staff and brought forward in the City's updated CDBG 5 year Consolidated Plan and Action Plan this summer.

The public hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 22, 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.

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.

The proposed Action Plan amendment will be available for public review and comments Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. from March 23, 2021 through March 29, 2021 in Building A, City Hall Complex, 121 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd., Port St. Lucie, Florida, 34984 and also on the city's website at www.cityofpsl.com/cdbg. Please call 772-344-4084 to make an appointment to view the documents in City Hall. Written comments can be addressed to Carmen Capezzuto, Director of Neighborhood Services, 121 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd., Port St. Lucie, Florida 34984 or sent to nsd@cityofpsl.com.

In providing notices to the public, the City follows a Citizen Participation Plan that includes a plan for minimizing displacement of persons resulting from activities funded under the CDBG program and lists plans to assist any persons actually displaced. As provided in the 2019/2020 Action Plan, no activities are contemplated that would cause displacement. The plan is available for review in the Neighborhood Services office.

The City of Port St. Lucie CDBG program does not discriminate against any person because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin.