



**City of Port St. Lucie Notice of Public Hearing for Public Input on  
the City's Pre-Application for the Community Development Block Grant  
Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Grant Round 2**

**The City of Port St. Lucie will hold a public hearing** for the purpose of collecting citizen input on a proposed pre-application for the Florida Department of Economic Opportunities (DEO) Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Entitlement Program Round 2 **on March 22, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., during a regular Council Meeting.** The City is preparing a pre-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 Coronavirus 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->

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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](http://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 business days after the public hearing. From 3/23/2021 until 5:00 p.m. on 3/29/2021 the public may submit any comments on the proposed application in writing by email to [NICE@cityofpsl.com](mailto: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

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.

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.