



**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**
(Mobile tutoring and education program with the Boys and Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County)

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 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 Consolidated Plan. It lists the activities that 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

A public hearing was held in May 2020 regarding a substantial amendment to the 2019/2020 program year which incorporated \$118,000 of Neighborhood Stabilization Program income into the CDBG program. Via the City Manager's Office, in an effort to further the City's Strategic Plan Goal 3: Quality Education for all Residents staff is recommending to use this funding and additional CDBG funding to collaborate on a mobile tutoring and education program with the Boys and Girls Clubs of St. Lucie (BGCSLC) County. The total program cost shall not exceed \$150,000 and the City will set up a HUD approved sub-recipient agreement with the BGCSLC to manage the program. Mobile tutoring centers will be set up and run in HUD approved low and moderate income areas in an effort to bring educational services to families in need and assist them in making sure they have access to tools to help students access and stay up to date with learning objectives in light of the changes that have occurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the onset of virtual school programs. Upon City Council's approval of the new project and opening of the public hearing staff will work with the BGCSLC to prepare a project plan that will be presented to Council in preparation of the launch of the program.

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.

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 April 30, 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.