

RESOLUTION NO. 2020- 152

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO ACCEPT \$585,519 IN SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS, TITLED CDBG-CV, FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SIGN SF-424 UNIVERSAL APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION FORM; RECOGNIZING AND APPROPRIATING CDBG-CV WITHIN THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 GENERAL FUND BUDGET; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT A SUBSTANTIAL AMMENDMENT TO THE 2016-2020 CONSOLODATED PLAN, 2019-2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN, AND THE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.**

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, the County prepared a 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan and a 2019-2020 Action Plan for the purpose of submitting an application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement funding through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

**WHEREAS**, HUD has awarded the County a 2019 CDBG grant, in the amount of \$930,264, to assist the County in providing benefits to low and moderate income residents in accordance with the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) has made available supplemental grant funding in the amount of \$585,519 to the County through a CDBG-CV award, to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.; and

**WHEREAS**, HUD requires the County to apply for this CDBG-CV funding through an amendment to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan and submitting required SF-424 Universal Application and Certification Forms; and

**WHEREAS**, the County did not anticipate receiving CDBG-CV during the Fiscal Year 2020 budget process; and

**WHEREAS**, the County must recognize and appropriate CDBG-CV of \$585,519 within the Fiscal Year 2020 budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has decided to use CDBG-CV funding, as well as 2019 and future 2020 CDBG funding, to implement a CDBG-funded Small Business Recovery Program, to help mitigate the economic impact of COVID-19; the County is therefore required to amend the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan and the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan to add a goal for Economic Development;

**WHEREAS**, the CDBG-funded Small Business Recovery Program is to be funded with the CDBG-CV allocation of \$585,519 and repurposed funds from the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan, in the amount of \$744, 212, and with future funding from the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan;

**WHEREAS**, the CARES Act also provides the County with flexibilities that make it easier to use CDBG-CV grants, as well as fiscal years 2019 and 2020 CDBG funding, for response to the COVID-19 crisis. The County therefore has amended the Citizen Participation plan to include the HUD-approved waiver of limiting public meetings and the HUD-approved waiver for reducing the Public Comment period for substantial amendments to the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan from 30 days to no less than 5 days. The use of these waivers is intended to make the County more agile in implementing activities in response to the COVID-19 crisis.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY:**

1. The above recitals are incorporated by reference into the body of this resolution and such recitals are adopted as findings of fact.
2. The Board of County Commissioners authorizes the Chair to sign SF-424 Universal Application and Certification forms, or any other form provided by HUD that is substantially similar in content to the SF-424 Universal Application and Certification forms, to be submitted to HUD.
3. The Board of County Commissioners recognizes and appropriates CDBG-CV of \$585,519 to the Fiscal Year 2020 General Fund Budget.

4. The Board of County Commissioners authorizes the Chair to sign a letter, addressed to the HUD Senior Community Planning and Development Representative, which provides details of the amendments.

5. The Board of County Commissioners authorizes the County Administrator, or his designee, to submit the amendment to the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan and the 2019 Annual Action Plan through HUD's Integrated Disbursement and Information System, as well as amend the Citizen Participation Plan.

6. To the extent that there are typographical or administrative errors or omissions that do not change the tone, tenor, or context of this resolution, this resolution may be revised without subsequent approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

7. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County this 5th day of May, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS  
COUNTY

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Jeb S. Smith  
Jeb S. Smith, Chair

ATTEST: Brandon Patty, Clerk

By: Ram Halterman  
Deputy Clerk

RENDITION DATE 5/7/20





ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR  
COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-7000

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The Honorable Jeb S. Smith  
Chair of St. Johns County  
500 San Sebastian View  
St. Augustine, FL 32084

Dear Chair Smith:

I am pleased to inform you of a special allocation to your jurisdiction of Community Development Block Grant funds 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.

The CARES Act made available \$5 billion in Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds. Of this amount, the Department is immediately allocating \$2 billion based on the fiscal year 2020 CDBG formula. The remaining \$3 billion shall be allocated based on needs using best available data, in the following tranches: \$1 billion shall be allocated to States and insular areas within 45 days of enactment of the CARES Act, and \$2 billion shall be distributed to states and local governments at the discretion of the Secretary. Up to \$10 million will be set aside for technical assistance. Given the immediate needs faced by our communities, the Department has announced the first allocation of funds. Your jurisdiction's allocation is \$585,519.

The CARES Act adds additional flexibility for both the CDBG-CV grant and, in some cases, for the annual FY2020 CDBG grants in these unprecedented times. The public comment period is reduced to not less than 5 days, grantees may use virtual public hearings when necessary for public health reasons, the public services cap is suspended during the emergency, and States and local governments may reimburse costs of eligible activities incurred for pandemic response regardless of the date.

In addition, the CARES Act authorizes the Secretary to grant waivers and alternative requirements of statutes and regulations the Secretary administers in connection with the use of CDBG-CV funds and fiscal year 2019 and 2020 CDBG funds (except for requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment). Waivers and alternative requirements can be granted when necessary to expedite and facilitate the use of funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

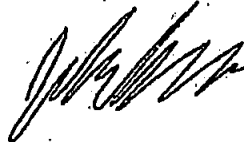
The Department is developing a notice that will further describes the CARES Act's provisions, a Quick Guide to the CARES Act flexibilities and other provisions, and other resources to enable swift implementation of CDBG-CV grants. As these become available, they will be

posted on HUD's website and distributed to grantees. The Department will also support grantees with technical assistance.

As you develop your plan for the use of these grant funds, we encourage you to consider approaches that prioritize the unique needs of low- and moderate-income persons and the development of partnerships between all levels of government and the private for-profit and non-profit sectors. You should coordinate with state and local health authorities before undertaking any activity to support state or local pandemic response. CDBG-CV grants will be subject to oversight, reporting, and requirements that each grantee have adequate procedures to prevent the duplication of benefits. HUD will provide guidance and technical assistance on DOB and regarding prevention of fraud, waste, and abuse and documenting the impact of this program for beneficiaries.

The Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) is looking forward to working with you to successfully meet the urgent and complex challenges faced by our communities. If you or any member of your staff has questions, please contact your local CPD Field Office Director or [CPDQuestionsAnswered@hud.gov](mailto:CPDQuestionsAnswered@hud.gov).

Sincerely,



John Gibbs  
Acting Assistant Secretary  
for Community Planning and Development  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424			
<b>* 1. Type of Submission:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input type="checkbox"/> Application <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application			
<b>* 2. Type of Application:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revision			
<b>* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):</b> A: Increase Award <b>* Other (Specify):</b>			
<b>* 3. Date Received:</b>	<b>4. Applicant Identifier:</b>		
<b>5a. Federal Entity Identifier:</b>	<b>5b. Federal Award Identifier:</b>		
<b>State Use Only:</b>			
<b>6. Date Received by State:</b>	<b>7. State Application Identifier:</b>		
<b>6. APPLICANT INFORMATION:</b>			
<b>* a. Legal Name:</b> Saint Johns County Board of County Commissioners			
<b>* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):</b> 59-600825	<b>* c. Organizational DUNS:</b> 0732367390000		
<b>d. Address:</b>			
<b>* Street1:</b>	500 San Sebastian View		
<b>Street2:</b>			
<b>* City:</b>	St. Augustine		
<b>County/Parish:</b>	St. Johns County		
<b>* State:</b>	FL: Florida		
<b>Province:</b>			
<b>* Country:</b>	USA: UNITED STATES		
<b>* Zip / Postal Code:</b>	32084-8686		
<b>e. Organizational Unit:</b>			
<b>Department Name:</b>	<b>Division Name:</b>		
Health and Human Services	Housing and Community Services		
<b>f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:</b>			
<b>Prefix:</b>	Mr.	<b>* First Name:</b>	Greg
<b>Middle Name:</b>			
<b>* Last Name:</b>	Lulkoski		
<b>Suffix:</b>			
<b>Title:</b>	Housing Specialist I		
<b>Organizational Affiliation:</b>			
<b>* Telephone Number:</b>	904-827-6897	<b>Fax Number:</b>	
<b>* Email:</b>	glulkoski@jcf1.us		

**Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**

**\* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

B: County Government

**Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:**

**Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:**

**\* Other (specify):**

**\* 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

US Department of Housing and Urban Development

**11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:**

14.218

**CFDA Title:**

**\* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

**\* Title:**

**13. Competition Identification Number:**

**Title:**

**14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):**

Add Attachment

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**\* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

2019 - Annual Action Plan (Amended) + CDBG-CV

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

Add Attachments

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**Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**

**16. Congressional Districts Of:**

\* a. Applicant

\* b. Program/Project

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

**17. Proposed Project:**

\* a. Start Date:

\* b. End Date:

**18. Estimated Funding (\$):**

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="1,515,783.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text"/>
* c. State	<input type="text"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="1,515,783.00"/>

**\* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- e. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on
- b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

**\* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**

Yes  No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

21. \*By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications\*\* and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances\*\* and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)

I AGREE

\*\* The list of certifications and assurances, or an Internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

**Authorized Representative:**

Prefix:  \* First Name:   
Middle Name:   
\* Last Name:   
Suffix:

\* Title:

\* Telephone Number:  Fax Number:

\* Email:

\* Signature of Authorized Representative:

\* Date Signed:



## ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

OMB Number: 4040-0009  
Expiration Date: 02/28/2022

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**PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. SEND IT TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE SPONSORING AGENCY.**

**NOTE:** Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.



As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681 1683, and 1685-1688), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of

Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).

16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

<b>SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL</b> 	<b>TITLE</b> Chair, Board of County Commissioners
<b>APPLICANT ORGANIZATION</b> St. Johns County	<b>DATE SUBMITTED</b> 

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

**Affirmatively Further Fair Housing** --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

**Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan** -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

**Anti-Lobbying** --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;

2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and

3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

**Authority of Jurisdiction** --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

**Consistency with plan** --The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

**Section 3** -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

## Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

**Citizen Participation** – It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

**Community Development Plan** – Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

**Following a Plan** – It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

**Use of Funds** – It has complied with the following criteria:

**1. Maximum Feasible Priority.** With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

**2. Overall Benefit.** The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) \_\_\_\_\_ [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

**3. Special Assessments.** It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

**Excessive Force** – It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

**Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws** -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

**Lead-Based Paint** -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

**Compliance with Laws** -- It will comply with applicable laws.

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**Signature of Authorized Official**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Title**

**OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification**

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

## **Emergency Solutions Grants Certifications**

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program recipient certifies that:

**Major rehabilitation/conversion/renovation** – If an emergency shelter's rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed rehabilitation.

If the cost to convert a building into an emergency shelter exceeds 75 percent of the value of the building after conversion, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed conversion.

In all other cases where ESG funds are used for renovation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 3 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed renovation.

**Essential Services and Operating Costs** – In the case of assistance involving shelter operations or essential services related to street outreach or emergency shelter, the recipient will provide services or shelter to homeless individuals and families for the period during which the ESG assistance is provided, without regard to a particular site or structure, so long the recipient serves the same type of persons (e.g., families with children, unaccompanied youth, disabled individuals, or victims of domestic violence) or persons in the same geographic area.

**Renovation** – Any renovation carried out with ESG assistance shall be sufficient to ensure that the building involved is safe and sanitary.

**Supportive Services** – The recipient will assist homeless individuals in obtaining permanent housing, appropriate supportive services (including medical and mental health treatment, victim services, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living), and other Federal, State, local, and private assistance available for these individuals.

**Matching Funds** – The recipient will obtain matching amounts required under 24 CFR 576.201.

**Confidentiality** – The recipient has established and is implementing procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG program, including protection against the release of the address or location of any family violence shelter project, except with the written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of that shelter.

**Homeless Persons Involvement** – To the maximum extent practicable, the recipient will involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, in providing services assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under the program.

**Consolidated Plan** – All activities the recipient undertakes with assistance under ESG are consistent with its consolidated plan.

**Specific HOME Certifications**

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

**Tenant Based Rental Assistance** -- If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plan.

**Eligible Activities and Costs** -- It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR §§92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in §92.214.

**Subsidy layering** -- Before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;

N/A  
Signature of Authorized Official

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Date

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**Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Certifications**

The HOPWA grantee certifies that:

**Activities** -- Activities funded under the program will meet urgent needs that are not being met by available public and private sources.

**Building** -- Any building or structure assisted under that program shall be operated for the purpose specified in the consolidated plan:

1. For a period of not less than 10 years in the case of assistance involving new construction, substantial rehabilitation, or acquisition of a facility,
2. For a period of not less than 3 years in the case of assistance involving non-substantial rehabilitation or repair of a building or structure.

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**Discharge Policy – The recipient will establish and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent this discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for these persons.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Authorized Official**

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**Date**

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**Title**

**APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS**

**INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:**

**Lobbying Certification**

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

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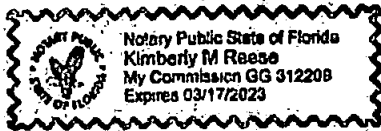
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Public Notice

Proposal to Use Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding to Mitigate Economic Impacts Caused by COVID-19 by Establishing a Small Business Recovery Program and Proposed Amendments to the Citizens Participation Plan, 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan, and the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan

St. Johns County hereby gives public notice of a proposal to mitigate the economic impact caused by COVID-19 by establishing a CDBG-funded Small Business Recovery Program. The US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides St. Johns County with an annual allocation of CDBG funding that can be used for a variety of community development needs. In addition to the annual CDBG allocation, in April 2020, HUD made available to the County supplemental funding to be used specifically for the purpose of preventing, preparing for, and responding to coronavirus.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) is the Federal legislation that makes supplemental CDBG funding available and specifies the requirements for the use of this funding. This supplemental funding is referred to as CDBG-CV. Additionally, the CARES Act provides the County with flexibilities that make it easier to use CDBG-CV grants, as well as fiscal years 2019 and 2020 CDBG Grants, for response to COVID-19. A Public Notice published on April 11, 2020 stated that the County reserved the right to use flexibilities offered by HUD, if those flexibilities aided the County in being more agile and efficient in its response to COVID-19.

To address the HUD-approved flexibilities resulting from the CARES Act, St. Johns County proposes to add the following two paragraphs to page 11 of the Citizens Participation Plan:

*During times of Federal or State declared emergencies, the County reserves the right to use any waivers, flexibilities, or provisions granted by HUD, when such provisions are aimed at increasing the County's flexibility or efficiency to respond to emergency situations and to expedite the use of grant funds.*

*In response to the COVID-19 crisis, HUD approved waivers to certain requirements to allow the County to adjust funding to the crisis. One HUD-approved waiver is that the County reserves the right to use its limited public meetings held for the purpose of informing citizens about the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the CDBG program and soliciting questions and comments from the public. Limiting public meetings is intended to reduce the spread of COVID-19 during gatherings of people. Another HUD-approved waiver the County reserves the right to use is reducing the Public Comment period for substantial amendments to the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan from 30 days to no less than 5 days. This waiver is intended to enable the County more agile in implementing activities in response to the COVID-19 crisis.*

The County proposes to establish a CDBG-funded Small Business Recovery Program to offer grants and/or loans to small businesses located in St. Johns County. The program is intended to assist eligible business with capital expenses, such as payroll and rent, with the intended result of retaining jobs and retaining tax-paying business; thereby, mitigating the economic impact of COVID-19 on the citizens of St. Johns County.

The County proposes to use the following grant funds, totaling \$2,183,954, to operate the CDBG-funded Small Business Recovery Program:

- \$283,519 allocated through CDBG-CV
- \$744,212 from the 2019 CDBG allocation
- \$756,223 from the 2020 CDBG allocation

Funds from the 2019 CDBG allocation will be made available for the CDBG-funded Small Business Recovery Program by repurposing funds that had been originally reserved to support affordable housing projects. This decision is based on the extreme negative impact that the COVID-19 crisis is expected to have on our citizens and the local economy. Affordable Housing remains a priority goal for the County; therefore, alternative methods of funding these Affordable Housing projects with future CDBG funds will be considered.

For the County to establish the CDBG-funded Small Business Recovery Program, a substantial amendment to the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan and a substantial amendment to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan must be made, as outlined and required in the County's Citizens Participation Plan.

The County proposes to amend the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan by adding a Priority Goal for Economic Development. The County proposes to amend the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan by adding a Priority Goal for Economic Development. The proposed goal for Economic Development is supported by section 105(a)(17) (a) U.S.C. 4305(a)(17); 24 CFR 870.203(b), which authorizes provision of assistance to private, for-profit entities, when appropriate to carry out an economic development project.

In accordance with the County's Citizen Participation Plan, citizens are encouraged to participate in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the CDBG program. Citizens are encouraged to comment on the use of the waivers mentioned above as well as the proposed amendments to the Citizens Participation Plan and the proposed substantial amendments to the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan, and 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan.

All questions and comments related to the CDBG program may be mailed to 200 San Sebastian View, Suite 2300, St. Augustine, FL 32084, or emailed to [housing@sjcd.us](mailto:housing@sjcd.us), or given verbally by calling 904-827-6830. A written response will be given within 15 days, to all written questions or comments received.

Current versions of the Citizens Participation Plan, 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan, and the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan can be viewed at <http://www.sjcd.us/Docs/Housing/CDPlan.aspx>. The drafts containing the proposed amendments to Citizens Participation Plan, 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan, and the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan can also be viewed at <http://www.sjcd.us/Housing/CDBG.aspx>.

Final action will be taken on the proposed amendments to the Citizens Participation Plan, the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan, and the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of County Commissioners to be held at 10:00 a.m. on May 5, 2020. These amendments will provide the authority for the County to pursue the development and implementation of the CDBG-funded Small Business Recovery Program.

Meetings of the Board of County Commissioners take place in the County Auditorium, located at 500 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084. Citizens may offer public comments at this meeting. Accommodations have been made to provide for social distancing at meetings of the Board of County Commissioners. Citizens may also offer public comments about the proposed amendments to the Citizens Participation Plan by calling 904-809-1356. Additional information about call-in participation during County meetings can be found at <http://www.sjcd.us/media/MeetingsCV-19.pdf>. Meetings can be viewed on Comcast cable channel 3, or online at <http://www.sjcd.us/OTV>.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in the CDBG program or in public meetings should contact the ADA Coordinator at 904-809-0650. Deaf and/or hard-of-hearing individuals may use Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD): 904-209-0650, or the Florida Relay Service: 800-935-8770. CDBG information is provided in English; the Board of County Commissioners meeting will also be conducted in English. If you require a translator, please call 904-209-0650. To request services, please notify the County at least five business days prior to need for services.



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*In response to the COVID-19 crisis, HUD approved waivers to certain requirements to allow the County to safely and rapidly respond to the crisis. (The HUD-approved waiver the County reserves the right to use in limiting public meetings held for the purpose of informing citizens about the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the CDBG program and soliciting questions and comments from the public. Limiting public meetings is intended to reduce the spread of COVID-19 during gatherings of people. Another HUD-approved waiver the County reserves the right to use in extending the Public Comment period for substantial amendments to the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan from 60 days to no less than 5 days. This waiver is intended to make the County more up to implementing activities in response to the COVID-19 crisis.*

The County proposes to establish a CDBG-funded Small Business Recovery Program to offer grants and/or loans to small businesses located in St. Johns County. The program is intended to assist eligible business with capital expenses, such as payroll and rent, with the intended result of retaining jobs and retaining tax-paying businesses thereby, mitigating the economic impact of COVID-19 on the citizens of St. Johns County.

The County proposes to use the following grant funds, totaling \$2,725,004, to operate the CDBG-funded Small Business Recovery Program:

- \$585,513 allocated through CDBG-CV
- \$748,273 from the 2019 CDBG allocation
- \$239,218 from the 2020 CDBG allocation

Funds from the 2019 CDBG allocation will be made available for the CDBG-funded Small Business Recovery Program by reprogramming funds that had been originally reserved to support affordable housing projects. This decision is based on the evidence, together with the fact that the COVID-19 crisis is expected to have an even greater and more immediate impact on the County's economy than affordable housing projects. Therefore, alternative methods of funding these Affordable Housing projects with later CDBG funds will be minimal.

For the County to reestablish the CDBG-funded Small Business Recovery Program, a substantial amendment to the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan and a substantial amendment to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan must be made, as outlined and required in the County's Citizens Participation Plan.

The County proposes to amend the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan by adding a Priority Goal for Economic Development. The County proposes to amend the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan by adding a Goal and Project for Economic Development. The proposed goal for Economic Development is supported by section 902(a)(1) (42 USC 5307(a)(1)) 29 CFR 570.200(b), which authorizes provision of assistance in private, nonprofit entities, when cooperation is necessary to carry out a community development project. In accordance with the County's Citizens Participation Plan, citizens are encouraged to participate in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the CDBG program. Citizens are encouraged to comment on the use of the waivers mentioned above as well as the proposed amendments to the Citizens Participation Plan and the proposed substantial amendments to the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan, and 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan.

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Final action will be taken on the proposed amendments to the Citizens Participation Plan, the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan, and the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan, at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of County Commissioners to be held at 7:00 a.m. on May 3, 2020. These amendments will provide the authority for the County to pursue the development and implementation of the CDBG-funded Small Business Recovery Program.

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## St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners

Office of the County Administrator

St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners  
500 San Sebastian View  
St. Augustine, FL 32084

May 5, 2020

Ms. Deidra Hembree  
Senior Community Planning and Development Representative  
US Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Community Planning and Development Division  
Charles E. Bennett Federal Building  
Suite 1015; 400 West Bay Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Dear Ms. Hembree,

St. Johns County is grateful for the opportunities provided by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, particularly during the on-going crisis related to COVID-19. At this time, the County is informing HUD of the need to make a Substantial Amendment to the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan and the 2019-2020 Action Plan in order to implement economic development strategies. In addition to adding the recently awarded CDBG-CV funds, the Substantial Amendment to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan includes repurposing funds from other projects in order to increase the funding available for economic development.

The Substantial Amendment to the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan will include the following actions:

- 1.) Adding a seventh goal and description, for Economic Development, to SP-45 Goals Summary – 91.215(a)(4)

The Substantial Amendment to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan will include the following actions:

- 2.) Adding a fifth goal, for Economic Development, to AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives
- 3.) Adding a fifth project, for Economic Development, AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d).
- 4.) Adding a fifth project and description, for Economic Development, to AP-38 Project Summary
- 5.) The total 2019 funding for the Economic Development project will be \$1,329,731 (\$744,212 will be repurposed from other 2019 projects plus the CDBG-CV allocation of \$585,519).



The wording of the amended portions of the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan can be seen below:

**SP-45 Goals Summary – 91.215(a)(4)**

**Goals Summary Information**

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding
7	Economic Development	2016	2020	Economic Development Administration	Countywide	Economic Development Administration	CDBG: \$2,125,99

**Goal Descriptions**

6	Goal Name	Economic Development
	Goal Description	Promote economic development activities, to respond to general needs and to respond to the impact of COVID-19, by implementing activities such as Direct Financial Assistance to For-Profits to provide operating capital. Forms of assistance may include loans, loan guarantees, and grants.

**AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives**

**Goals Summary Information**

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Economic Development	2016	2020	Economic Development Administration	Countywide	Economic Development	CDBG: \$744,212 CDBG-CV: \$585,519	Other: O Other:

Table 1 – Goals Summary

**AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)**

**Projects**

#	Project Name
5	Economic Development

Table 2 – Project Information

**AP-38 Project Summary**

5	Project Name	Economic Development
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$744,212 and CDBG-CV: \$585,519; Total = \$1,329,731.00

<b>Description</b>	Promote economic development activities, to respond to general needs and to respond to the impact of COVID-19, by implementing activities such as Direct Financial Assistance to For-Profits to provide operating capital. Forms of assistance may include loans, loan guarantees, and grants.
<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2021
<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	2,000
<b>Location Description</b>	Countywide
<b>Planned Activities</b>	Promote economic development activities, to respond to general needs and to respond to the impact of COVID-19, by implementing activities such as Direct Financial Assistance to For-Profits to provide operating capital. Forms of assistance may include loans, loan guarantees, and grants.

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On behalf of the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners, I wish to thank HUD for the assistance provided to deliver the CDBG program to the citizens of St. Johns County.

Sincerely,

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Jeb S. Smith, Chair  
St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners

## MAY 5, 2020- BCC MEETING

RED FOLDER ITEM

<b>ITEM</b>	Regular Item 11 (C)
<b>PRESENTER</b>	Joy Andrews
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>COVID-19: Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Funds</b>

### SUMMARY:

On April 27, 2020, St. Johns County Housing and Community Services received notification from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development informing of a special allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the amount of \$585,519 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 order to spend the allocation as intended the funding must be recognized and appropriated within the FY 2020 General Fund Budget and the SF-424 Universal Federal Application and Certification must be signed. Additionally, the CARES Act provides the County with flexibilities that make it easier to use the supplemental allocation of CDBG funds (called CDBG-CV) as well as other fiscal year allocation to respond to the COVID-19 crisis. In order to take advantage of the flexibilities provided by the CARES Act, the County was required to amend its Citizen Participation Plan to include the newly HUD approved waiver of limiting public meetings and reducing to Public Comment period for substantial amendments to the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. On April 21, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners elected to use newly allocated CDBG-CV funds in the amount of \$585,519 and to repurpose \$744,212 from Fiscal Year 2019 funds and to direct future 2020 funds towards the implemental of a Small Business Recovery Program to help mitigate the economic impact of COVID-19. In an effort to address these objectives, this agenda item also seeks Board approval to amend the Citizen Participate Plan and to authorize the County Administrator, or his designee, to submit Substantial Amendments to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan and the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan to HUD. The Substantial Amendments add goals for Economic Development in both the Annual Action Plan and the Consolidated Plan. Due to the size of the three plans, a letter containing a summary of the substantial amendments can be found in the attached backup documentation. Copies of complete documents can be located on the St. Johns County Housing and Community Services webpage at [www.sjcfi.us/Housing/CDBG](http://www.sjcfi.us/Housing/CDBG).

### FOR CONSIDERATION:

**CDBG-CV Resolution 2020-\_\_\_\_\_**

For further information, please contact Lauren Cheatham or at 209-0535.