

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-198

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING \$1,121,735 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER THE FUNDING AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners approved the St. Johns County Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Action Plan for submission to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) (Resolution 2023-221); and

WHEREAS, HUD approved St. Johns County's 2023 Annual Action Plan and awarded the County \$1,121,735 in CDBG funds to execute the projects specified in the 2023 Annual Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined that accepting the grant funds and entering into the grant agreement will serve the interests of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, as follows:

Section 1. The above Recitals are hereby incorporated into the body of this resolution, and are adopted as findings of fact.

Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners hereby accepts \$1,121,735 in grant funds from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the St. Johns County Community Development Block Grant Program and approves and authorizes the County Administrator, or designee, to execute and deliver the attached Funding Agreement on behalf of the County.

Section 3. To the extent that there are typographical and/or administrative errors that do not change the tone, tenor, or concept of this Resolution, then this Resolution may be revised without subsequent approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, this 7th day of May 2024.

**BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS
COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Rendition Date MAY 09 2024

By: _____
Sarah Arnold, Chair

ATTEST: Brandon J. Patty
Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller

By: Robin L. Platt
Deputy Clerk





U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Jacksonville Field Office
CPD Division, 4HD
Charles Bennett Federal Building
400 West Bay Street, Suite 1015
Jacksonville, Florida 32202-4410

April 17, 2024

The Honorable Sarah Arnold
Chair of St. Johns County
500 San Sebastian View
St. Augustine, FL 32084

Dear Sarah Arnold:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2023 Grant Agreement Transmittal

The Jacksonville Field Office would like to thank you for your continued partnership in providing quality affordable housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons through HUD programs. On Thursday, June 10, 2021, the Department published an interim final rule with a request for comments, titled: *Requesting Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Definitions and Certifications* (86 Fed Reg 30779). The effective date for the interim rule is July 31, 2021, and you are encouraged to review the interim rule in developing your programs.

One Grant Agreement is attached for each program awarded as follows:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$1,121,735
<u>Total FY2023 Award</u>	<u>\$1,121,735.00</u>

Plan Approval

Transmittal of a grant agreement does not constitute approval of the activities described in your Consolidated Plan. You are reminded that you, as grantee, are responsible for ensuring that all grant funds are used in accordance with all program requirements. An executed Grant Agreement is a legally binding agreement between the Department of Housing and Urban Development and your agency.

Please note the special conditions attached to each Funding Agreement, including CDBG.

In accordance with the HOME regulations at 24 CFR 92.254(a)(5), a Participating Jurisdiction (PJ) must establish resale and/or recapture requirements that comply with the standards of the regulation. Furthermore, the resale and/or recapture requirements must be set forth in the PJ's Consolidated Plan. HUD must determine if the PJ's provisions comply with the requirements of the regulations and notify the PJ in writing of its determination. HUD has reviewed your resale and/or recapture provisions and has determined that the provisions included in the Plan comply with the requirements at 24 CFR 92.254(a)(5).

Environmental Review Requirements

You are reminded that certain activities are subject to the provisions of 24 CFR Part 58 (Environmental Review Procedures). Funds for such activities may not be obligated or expended until HUD has approved the release of funds in writing. A request for release of funds (RROF) must be accompanied by an environmental certification, and until the RROF is approved and notification is received, no HUD funds should be committed. If the project or activity is exempt per 24 CFR 58.34 or categorically excluded (except in extraordinary circumstances), no RROF is required.

Build America, Buy America (BABA)

On November 15, 2021, the Build America, Buy America Act (the Act) was enacted as part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Pub. L. 117-58. The Act establishes a domestic content procurement preference, the Buy American Preference (BAP), for Federal programs that permit Federal financial assistance to be used for infrastructure projects. In Section 70912, the Act further defines a project to include “the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of infrastructure in the United States” and includes within the definition of infrastructure those items traditionally included along with buildings and real property. Starting May 14, 2022, new awards of Federal financial assistance (FFA) from a program for infrastructure, and any of those funds obligated by the grantee, are covered under the Build America, Buy America (BABA) provisions of the Act, 41 U.S.C. 8301 note. The [waiver, published March 15, 2023](#), establishes a phased implementation schedule for application of the BAP to covered materials and HUD programs.

The BAP is applicable **now** to iron and steel used in covered CDBG projects, i.e. for projects using funds obligated on or after November 15, 2022. For CPD, the BAP will apply next to iron and steel used in covered Recovery Housing Program (RHP) projects for funding obligated on or after August 23, 2023. The Phased Implementation waiver established the following implementation schedule for HUD programs:

BAP will apply to...	Iron and Steel	Specifically Listed Construction Materials	All Other Construction Materials	Manufactured Products
CDBG Formula Grants	All funds obligated on or after November 15, 2022	As of the date HUD obligates new FFA from FY24 appropriations	As of the date HUD obligates new FFA from FY25 appropriations	As of the date HUD obligates new FFA from FY25 appropriations
Choice Neighborhood, Lead Hazard Reduction, and Healthy Homes Production Grants	New FFA obligated by HUD on or after February 22, 2023	New FFA obligated by HUD on or after August 23, 2024	New FFA obligated by HUD on or after August 23, 2024	New FFA obligated by HUD on or after August 23, 2024
Recovery Housing Program (RHP) Grants	New FFA obligated by HUD on or after August 23, 2023	As of the date HUD obligates new FFA from FY24 appropriations	As of the date HUD obligates new FFA from FY25 appropriations	As of the date HUD obligates new FFA from FY25 appropriations
All HUD FFA except HOME, Housing Trust Fund, and Public Housing FFA used for maintenance projects	New FFA obligated by HUD on or after February 22, 2024	New FFA obligated by HUD on or after August 23, 2024	New FFA obligated by HUD on or after August 23, 2024	New FFA obligated by HUD on or after August 23, 2024

All HUD FFA	New FFA obligated by HUD on or after August 23, 2024	New FFA obligated by HUD on or after August 23, 2024	New FFA obligated by HUD on or after August 23, 2024	New FFA obligated by HUD on or after August 23, 2024
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Additional details on fulfilling the BABA requirements can be found at https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/general_counsel/BABA.

Executing the Grant Agreement

Please execute each Grant Agreement with electronic signature and date and return to this office to the attention of Lee Allen, Program Manager, Community Planning and Development at Lee.A.Allen@hud.gov. Please ensure the Chief Elected Official and/or authorized designee electronically signs the CDBG grant agreement in the box directly across from the HUD CPD Director’s signature. The CDBG Grant Agreement should **not** be electronically signed in box 12c. Maintain a copy of each agreement with your original signature on-site in your program files.

For additional information and guidance on grant-based accounting, please refer to the HUD Exchange at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/manage-a-program/grant-based-accounting/>.

To establish a Line of Credit for Fiscal Year 2023 grant funds, it will be necessary for your agency to sign, execute and return one (1) copy of each Grant Agreement. If there is a need to add or remove individuals authorized to access the Integrated Disbursement Information System (IDIS), please submit an IDIS Online Access Request Form (HUD 27055), notarize, and return to this office. Additionally, if there is a need to establish or change the depository account where these funds are to be wired, a Direct Deposit Sign-Up form (SF-1199A) must be completed by your financial institution and returned to this office with a copy of a voided check.

HUD congratulates St Johns County on its grant awards, and we look forward to assisting you in accomplishing your program goals. If you have any questions or need further information or assistance, please contact Anna O’Toole, CPD Representative, via email at Anna.N.Otoole@hud.gov, or by phone at (904) 208-6074.

Sincerely,



Digitally signed by: LARRY HAYES
 DN: CN = LARRY HAYES C = US, O = U.S. Government OU = Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Planning and Development
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Larry T. Hayes MBA
 Director
 Community Planning and Development

Enclosures: Grant agreement FY23 CDBG

Funding Approval/Agreement

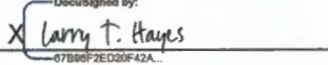
Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act (Public Law 930383)
 HI-00515R of 20515R

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
 Office of Community Planning and Development
 Community Development Block Grant Program

OMB Approval No. 2506-0193
 exp 1/31/2025

1. Name of Grantee (as shown in item 5 of Standard Form 424) County of St. Johns	3a. Grantee's 9-digit Tax ID Number 596000825	3b. Grantee's 9-digit DUNS Number DKTCSFFFL3Q8 (UEI)
2. Grantee's Complete Address (as shown in item 5 of Standard Form 424) 500 San Sebastian Vw Saint Augustine, FL 32084-8686	4. Date use of funds may begin 10/01/2023	
	5a. Project/Grant No. 1 B-23-UC-12-0021	6a. Amount Approved \$1,121,735.00 (by this action)
	5b. Project/Grant No. 2	6b. Amount Approved

Grant Agreement: This Grant Agreement between the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the above named Grantee is made pursuant to the authority of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, (42 USC 5301 et seq.). The Grantee's submissions for Title I assistance, the HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 570 (as now in effect and as may be amended from time to time), and this Funding Approval, including any special conditions, constitute part of the Agreement. Subject to the provisions of this Grant Agreement, HUD will make the funding assistance specified here available to the Grantee upon execution of the Agreement by the parties. The funding assistance specified in the Funding Approval may be used to pay costs incurred after the date specified in item 4 above provided the activities to which such costs are related are carried out in compliance with all applicable requirements. Pre-agreement costs may not be paid with funding assistance specified here unless they are authorized in HUD regulations or approved by waiver and listed in the special conditions to the Funding Approval. The Grantee agrees to assume all of the responsibilities for environmental review, decision making, and actions, as specified and required in regulations issued by the Secretary pursuant to Section 104(g) of Title I and published in 24 CFR Part 58. The Grantee further acknowledges its responsibility for adherence to the Agreement by sub-recipient entities to which it makes funding assistance hereunder available.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (By Name) Larry T. Hayes, MBA		Grantee Name (Contractual Organization) Saint Johns County	
Title CPD Director		Title	
Signature 	Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 4/11/2024	Signature X	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

7. Category of Title I Assistance for this Funding Action: Entitlement, Sec 106(b)	8. Special Conditions (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attached	9a. Date HUD Received Submission	10. check one <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. Orig. Funding Approval <input type="checkbox"/> b. Amendment Amendment Number
		9b. Date Grantee Notified	
		9c. Date of Start of Program Year 10/01/2023	
11. Amount of Community Development Block Grant			
a. Funds Reserved for this Grantee		FY 2023	
b. Funds now being Approved		\$1,121,735.00	
c. Reservation to be Cancelled (11a minus 11b)			

12a. Amount of Loan Guarantee Commitment now being Approved N/A	12b. Name and complete Address of Public Agency
Loan Guarantee Acceptance Provisions for Designated Agencies: The public agency hereby accepts the Grant Agreement executed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development on the above date with respect to the above grant number(s) as Grantee designated to receive loan guarantee assistance, and agrees to comply with the terms and conditions of the Agreement, applicable regulations, and other requirements of HUD now or hereafter in effect, pertaining to the assistance provided it.	
12c. Name of Authorized Official for Designated Public Agency	
Title	
Signature X	

HUD Accounting use Only

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8. Special Conditions.

- (a) The period of performance and single budget period for the funding assistance specified in the Funding Approval (“Funding Assistance”) shall each begin on the date specified in item 4 and shall each end on September 1, 2030. The Grantee shall not incur any obligations to be paid with such assistance after September 1, 2030.
- (b) The Recipient shall attach a schedule of its indirect cost rate(s) in the format set forth below to the executed Agreement that is returned to HUD. The Recipient shall provide HUD with a revised schedule when any change is made to the rate(s) described in the schedule. The schedule and any revisions HUD receives from the Recipient shall be incorporated herein and made a part of this Agreement, provided that the rate(s) described comply with 2 CFR part 200, subpart E.

<u>Administering Department/Agency</u>	<u>Indirect cost rate</u>	<u>Direct Cost Base</u>
_____	_____ %	_____
_____	_____ %	_____
_____	_____ %	_____
_____	_____ %	_____
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Instructions: The Recipient must identify each agency or department of the Recipient that will carry out activities under the grant, the indirect cost rate applicable to each department/agency (including if the de minimis rate is used per 2 CFR §200.414(f)), and the type of direct cost base to which the rate will be applied (for example, Modified Total Direct Costs (MTDC)). Do not include indirect cost rates for subrecipients.

- (c) In addition to the conditions contained on form HUD 7082, the grantee shall comply with requirements established by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) concerning the Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS); the System for Award Management (SAM.gov.); the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act as provided in 2 CFR part 25, Universal Identifier and General Contractor Registration; and 2 CFR part 170, Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information.
- (d) The grantee shall ensure that no CDBG funds are used to support any Federal, State, or local projects that seek to use the power of eminent domain, unless eminent domain is employed only for a public use. For the purposes of this requirement, public use shall not be construed to include economic development that primarily benefits private entities. Any use of funds for mass transit, railroad, airport, seaport or highway projects as well as utility projects which benefit or serve the general public (including energy-related, communication-related, water- related and wastewater-related infrastructure), other structures

designated for use by the general public or which have other common-carrier or public-utility functions that serve the general public and are subject to regulation and oversight by the government, and projects for the removal of an immediate threat to public health and safety or brownfield as defined in the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act (Public Law 107–118) shall be considered a public use for purposes of eminent domain.

- (e) The Grantee or unit of general local government that directly or indirectly receives CDBG funds may not sell, trade, or otherwise transfer all or any such portion of such funds to another such entity in exchange for any other funds, credits or non-Federal considerations, but must use such funds for activities eligible under title I of the Act.
- (f) E.O. 12372-Special Contract Condition - Notwithstanding any other provision of this agreement, no funds provided under this agreement may be obligated or expended for the planning or construction of water or sewer facilities until receipt of written notification from HUD of the release of funds on completion of the review procedures required under Executive Order (E.O.) 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs, and HUD's implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 52. The recipient shall also complete the review procedures required under E.O. 12372 and 24 CFR Part 52 and receive written notification from HUD of the release of funds before obligating or expending any funds provided under this agreement for any new or revised activity for the planning or construction of water or sewer facilities not previously reviewed under E.O. 12372 and implementing regulations.
- (g) CDBG funds may not be provided to a for-profit entity pursuant to section 105(a)(17) of the Act unless such activity or project has been evaluated and selected in accordance with Appendix A to 24 CFR 570 - "Guidelines and Objectives for Evaluating Project Costs and Financial Requirements." (Source - P.L. 113-235, Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015, Division K, Title II, Community Development Fund).
- (h) The Grantee must comply with the requirements of the Build America, Buy America (BABA) Act, 41 USC 8301 note, and all applicable rules and notices, as may be amended, if applicable to the Grantee's infrastructure project. Pursuant to HUD's Notice, "Public Interest Phased Implementation Waiver for FY 2022 and 2023 of Build America, Buy America Provisions as Applied to Recipients of HUD Federal Financial Assistance" (88 FR 17001), any funds obligated by HUD on or after the applicable listed effective dates, are subject to BABA requirements, unless excepted by a waiver.