

City of Ocala Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds Proposed Substantial Amendment to the 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan and the 2018 and 2021 Annual Action Plan

Notice to Citizens:

The City of Ocala receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds as an entitlement community. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awards the City of Ocala Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, to be used for the benefit of low/moderate income residents. Budgets and a summaries of program goals are detailed in Annual Action Plans prepared by the City for each relevant fiscal year. These plans prioritize needs and list specific objectives to accomplish activities identified in the 5-year Consolidated Plan.

The City encourages citizen participation in developing these plans as detailed in the Citizen Participation Plan. The plan also describes the process for amending the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan (AAP) when necessary. Because the City is proposing substantial amendments, notice is hereby given to citizens.

The amendments stem from postponement of projects, and fund reallocation in various years. The City is no longer allocating CDBG funds to the Phase 1A Sidewalk Project. The City is increasing its CDBG Rehab Program funding amounts/allocations for the 2021 Program Year.

The following Amendments are proposed:

- Reallocate \$376,033 from Phase 1A Sidewalk Public Facilities Project in the 2018 Annual Action Plan to Housing Rehabilitation Projects in the 2021 Annual Action Plan

Public Comment Period:

As required by HUD the Amendment will be available for public review and comment beginning at 8:00 a.m. on July 22, 2022, through August 22, 2022 during normal business hours at the Community Development Services Department located at 201 SE 3rd St., 2nd Floor, Ocala, FL 34471. The Plan may also be reviewed beginning July 22, 2022, on the City of Ocala's website,

www.ocalafl.org. For additional information please contact the Community Development Services Department at (352)629-8312.

Public Hearing:

A Public Hearing will be held on July 26, 2022, from 5:30p.m.-6:00 p.m., the MLK First Responder Campus located at 515 SW Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, Ocala FL 34475. A Final Public Hearing will be held during the regular City Council Meeting on August 16, 2022, at 4:00pm at City Hall Council Chambers located at 110 SE Watula Ave. Ocala FL 34471, to take comments on the amended plans. The public may submit written comments regarding the substantial amendments to the Community Development Services Department located at 201 SE 3rd St., 2nd Floor, Ocala, FL 34471, or email to jhaynes@ocalafl.org. If reasonable accommodations are needed to participate in this meeting please contact the Community Development Services Department a minimum of 48 hours in advance so that arrangements can be made by calling (352)629-8312.

Response to Citizen comments:

A written response to all written comments will be given within 15 days of receipt of all comments.