



The Honorable Benjamin Marciano  
 Council President of Ocala  
 110 SE Watula Avenue  
 Ocala, FL 34471-2180

**SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2025 Grant Agreement Transmittal**

Dear Benjamin Marciano:

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 through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs.

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

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)	\$510,378.00
<b>Total FY 2025 Award</b>	<b>\$510,378.00</b>

**Federal Award Agreement**

Transmittal of a grant agreement does not constitute approval of the activities described in your Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan. You are reminded that you, as grantee, are responsible for ensuring that all grant funds are used in accordance with all program requirements. By executing the Federal Award Agreement, you are entering into a legally binding agreement with HUD to use the awarded funds and carry out the funded activities in accordance with all Federal statutes, regulations, Federal Register notices, and award terms and conditions that apply to those funds and activities.

HUD recognizes that federal courts including the U.S. District Court of Rhode Island in *Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence, et al. v. Kennedy, et al.*, 1:25-cv-00342 (D.R.I.) have issued injunction orders which now impact all CPD Federal Award Agreements and grantees. To preserve all legal rights and defenses, the enclosed agreement contains the same conditions at issue in those orders. For grantees who are plaintiffs covered by those orders or for non-plaintiff grantees who are otherwise covered by those orders, be advised that HUD will comply with all applicable injunction orders and will not implement or enforce the challenged conditions consistent with those orders while those orders are in effect. This will include HUD disregarding any “certifications” or “compliance” statements as covered by those

orders. Accordingly, kindly return an executed copy of the Federal Award Agreement, as discussed below, and HUD will make grant funds at issue in your agreement available. Please be further advised that should the injunction order that currently prohibits HUD from enforcing the challenged conditions as to your grant or award be stayed, dissolved, or reversed, the agreement, with the challenged conditions, will become effective.

### **Executing the Agreement**

The authorized official **must** complete Addendum 3. Indirect Cost Rate Schedule for each agreement, even if no indirect costs will be charged under the grant. Please mark one (and only one) checkbox to reflect how indirect costs will be calculated and charged under the grant. Please note that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued revised Guidance and the *de minimis* indirect cost rate increased from 10 percent to up to 15 percent of Modified Total Direct Costs.

After inputting their name and title, the authorized official must execute each agreement, with a signature, and date. No other additions other than those described here should be made to the grant agreement without prior written approval. Please ensure the Chief Elected Official or authorized official signs the agreement.

You must return the entire Federal Award Agreement, including all addenda, to this office via the Field Office General Email Inbox: [JacksonvilleCPD@hud.gov](mailto:JacksonvilleCPD@hud.gov). HUD will be signing the grant agreement second and will return to your office a copy of each signed agreement for you to maintain in your local program files.

HUD congratulates the City of Ocala on your grant award, 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 your assigned Field Office representative Tonya Madison or email our Office at [JacksonvilleCPD@hud.gov](mailto:JacksonvilleCPD@hud.gov).

Sincerely,

Lori A. Serino  
CPD Director  
Office of Community Planning and  
Development

Enclosure: FY2025 Grant Agreement CDBG B-25-MC-12-0029