



AMMENDED PUBLIC NOTICE
Advertisement of Availability of Coronavirus Funding of \$200,000,
Substantial Amendment to the CDBG 2019-2023 Five-Year Consolidated
Plan,
Substantial Amendment to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan
Changing the Public Hearing Date From May 6, 2025 to May 20, 2025

Funding Availability
Substantial Amendment
2019-2020 Annual Action Plan
Citizen Participation Plan

The City of Ocala Community Development Services is proposing to amend both the 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan and the 2019 Annual Action Plan and for use of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

In accordance with 24 CFR 91.05(c)(2) and subpart B of the federal regulations relative to citizen participation for Community Development Services Programs; and applicable waivers made available to those requirements through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act CARES Act.

This is a Substantial amendment because the City is re-allocating funds from previously approved CDBG activities. The City originally received an allocation of CDBG-CV funds and amended its HUD Five Year Consolidated Plan 2019-2023 and Annual Action Plan Fiscal Year 2019-2020 to receive additional CDBG funding made available to the City of Ocala by HUD through the CARES Act and to enable the City of Ocala to administer \$422,871 in CDBG funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The above funds were allocated to support the activities below that was designed to focus the City's COVID-19 relief and recovery activities:

- Microenterprises
- Education Programs targeted to students from LMI families who may have fallen behind in their education as a result of the pandemic due to absenteeism, inadequate internet access, or other lack of other support for remote learning.
- Public Services, Meals on Wheels
- Broadband infrastructure projects to expand high speed internet access to LMI communities.

The City of Ocala is proposing to re-allocate \$200,000 from its Microenterprises strategy to a rental assistance strategy to better address the needs of the community. The proposed Annual Action Plan and amendments to the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan can be viewed at <https://www.ocalafl.org/government/city-departments-a-h/community-development-services/community-programs>



Public Comment Period and Process:

This Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan amendment is available for public review and comment period from April 11, 2025, to May 20, 2025. Citizens who wish to submit written comments during the public review and comment period may mail them via United States Postal Services (USPS), postmarked no later than May 20, 2025, to the following address:

City of Ocala
Attention: James Haynes
Director, Community Development Services
201 SE 3rd Street, 2nd Floor
Ocala, FL 34470

You may also email comments no later than May 20, 2025, to jhaynes@ocalafl.gov.

Public Hearing.

There will be a public hearing during the City's regularly scheduled City Council Meeting held Tuesday May 20, 2025, at 4:00 pm at City Hall, 110 SE Watula Ave, Ocala FL 34471.

Anyone needing special accommodations for either meeting should contact Natalia Cox at ncox@ocalafl.gov or (352) 629-8322.