

<b>OCALA CRA – EAST OCALA SUBAREA RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT GRANT</b>	
<i>Revised March 2024</i>	
<b>Purpose</b>	
To encourage residents of single-family and duplex homes within designated neighborhoods in the East Ocala Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) to make improvements to their properties, thereby reducing blighted conditions and improving the aesthetics of the community.	
<b>Plan Consistency</b>	
<b>Goal 1:</b> Strategies include – Provision of grants for properties which add value in the CRA and increase the potential for property redevelopment. <b>Goal 2:</b> Restore value and prominence to gateways, corridor segments and crossroads by enhancing their physical appearance and visually differentiating their special character. <b>Goal 3:</b> Improve vacant, dilapidated and nuisance properties which are barriers to corridor redevelopment and negatively impact the value of corridors and neighborhoods.	
<b>Eligible Areas</b>	Neighborhoods within the East Ocala CRA.
<b>Eligible Properties</b>	Single family and duplex homes within the CRA subarea. This includes owner occupied and rental units.
<b>Ineligible Properties</b>	Properties with active code enforcement case or code enforcement liens; Tax delinquent property; property in litigation; property in condemnation or receivership; property or tenants with outstanding financial obligations to City require City Council approval.
<b>Eligible applicant</b>	Property owner
<b>Eligible work</b>	<p>Only work begun <b>after</b> approval by the CRA Board will be eligible for a grant. Work in progress or performed before approval will not be eligible.</p> <p><u>Project work elements are:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Exterior painting – colors must be approved by Committee Pressure washing and other work to repair and prep for painting</li> <li>2. Repair and replacement of windows, doors (Exterior improvements only)</li> <li>3. Demolition of irreparable damaged houses or structures for the construction affordable housing.</li> <li>4. New landscaping area visible from the street/sidewalk</li> <li>5. Fencing (sides and rear)</li> <li>6. Reroofing</li> <li>7. Weatherization</li> <li>8. New construction</li> </ol>
<b>Maximum Grant</b>	<b>\$20,000</b> (Reimbursement)
<b>Required Match</b>	City (75%) – Applicant (25%). <i>To receive the maximum grant of \$20,000, the project cost for eligible work must be at least \$26,666.</i>