

Grant Portfolio

Dr. Cheryl Johnson, Grant Manager

An overview of the current awarded grants and their statuses.

WhoIAm

I am a 43-year-plus educator who has served in various capacities, including Instructional, administrative, district leadership, and federal grant program management.

I joined the Town of Eatonville staff in November 2023. I was hired to manage the existing grants that were written and bring them into compliance as well as provide monthly and quarterly status reports to the grantors as required.



What I Do

The following grants and projects are under my portfolio. Although I was originally hired to monitor Town of Eatonville and TOECRA grant there were changes in CRA personnel in (hiring of Ms. Shan Rose) I was asked to hand back the monitoring of grants awarded specifically to CRA.

Each grant requires Monthly, Quarterly, and /or Annual reporting, and compliance checks. US DOJ/ Community Policing Grant Florida Commerce Community Development Block Grant HUD Disaster Recovery/ Community Planning & Development Acquisition

The Circuit/ Club Eaton Rehab/ Renovation HUD Disaster Recovery/ Community Planning & Development Construction

Project

US DOJ Community Policing

Grantor

United State Department of Justice

Goal

Create a positive culture and improve community and police relations especially with the most vulnerable population (Seniors & Youth)

- **Award Conditions Met:** All 59 award conditions for the \$1MM grant from the US DOJ have been satisfied, including the completion of a 20-hour Grant Management Course.
- **Budget Narrative:** A comprehensive budget narrative was prepared, detailing how each line item of the grant funds would be spent.
 - **Compliance Timeline:** All conditions were met by July 2024. The grant is scheduled to mature on January 31, 2026. A second extension request has been submitted.
- **Activity Crosswalk:** At the start of the monitoring period, a crosswalk was
 created in collaboration with Chief Murray to suggest activities, programs, and
 initiatives that meet the award conditions, such as Senior Ring Camera Distribution,
 Meet the Chief events, and Pizza with the Police in collaboration with Hungerford
 Elementary.
- **Community Policing Center:** A significant portion of the grant is allocated for constructing a prefab building in Frances Jerry Park to serve as the Community Policing Center.
- **Event Initiation Requirement:** Any events funded by the grant must be initiated by the Eatonville Police Department, as stipulated by the grant conditions.

Project

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Economic Development Initiative Community Project Funding Award Amount \$2,000,000

HUD Disaster Recovery/ Community Planning & Development

Grantor

US Department of Housing and Urban Development

Goal

This is the Land Acquisition (purchase and prepare for construction) portion of the grant for the Affordable Housing Initiative.

Originally Awarded – 2023

 First Proposed site location was Elizabeth Park

Status

- The Town of Eatonville has been awarded 2 grants by HUD for the affordable housing initiative.
- Both grants require an environmental records review.
- One review can cover both grants since the location for the A & D grant and Construction Phase are the same.
- HUD uses the HEROS system (HUD Environmental Review Online System) for reviews.
- The creation of the environmental reviews has been initiated, but certification is not authorized.
- Pending the engagement of an environmental consultant to certify the environmental review.
- After completion of the environmental reviews, both grants can proceed to the Action Plan and Funding Phase.
- Work on the action plan is underway for submission post-environmental review completion.

Project

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Economic Development Initiative Community Project Funding Award Amount \$4,116,279.00

HUD Disaster Recovery/ Community Planning & Development

Grantor

US Department of Housing and Urban Development

Goal

This is the Construction component of the grant for the Affordable Housing Initiative.

Originally Awarded – 2024

Status

This is the Construction portion of the grant for the Affordable Housing Initiative. . Grant has been submitted in the DRGR (HUD Online Disaster Recovery Grant Reporting System) Directly Connected with previous grant.

- The Town of Eatonville has been awarded 2 grants by HUD for the affordable housing initiative.
- Both grants require an environmental records review.
- One review can cover both grants since the location for the A & D grant and Construction Phase are the same.
- HUD uses the HEROS system (HUD Environmental Review Online System) for reviews.
- The creation of the environmental reviews has been initiated, but certification is not authorized.
- CPH is the proposed environmental consultant to certify the environmental review.
- After completion of the environmental reviews, both grants can proceed to the Action Plan and Funding Phase.
- Work on the action plan is underway for submission post-environmental review completion.

Federally Funded Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Program (CDBG-MIT) Award Amount \$5,986,105.00

Project

CDBG/MIT - Water Infrastructure

Grantor

Florida Commerce or Florida Department of Commerce aka Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)

Goal

The repair and rehabilitation of the Town of Eatonville's Water Infrastructure

Originally Awarded – 2022

Agreement Period – 09/27/2022 through 09/26/2026

Status

- Active and Up to Date Currently reporting monthly and quarterly grant status to Florida Commerce.
- I initially worked to bring this grant into compliance, as it had been delinquent in submitting the required monthly and quarterly reports due to the delay in hiring a grant manger. We are currently up to date.
- As of August/Sept 2025 the first/next invoice was submitted for this project
- The Town received amendment (#2) to revise the deliverables and associated budget for the project, signed the same and the amendment was approved by FloridaCommerce on August 6, 2025. The Town's grant administrator, Fred Fox Enterprises, continued work on the environmental review. The Town's engineer continued working on the design for the project during August 2025 and was at approximately 20% at the end of August 2025; having completed the environmental assessment, wetland delineation, and topographic & boundary survey of Water Treatment Plant site.

State of Florida Division of Historical Resources Award Amount - \$1,000,000

Project

The Circuit Performing Arts; Entertainment Event Center/Club Eaton

Grantor

State of Florida Division of Historical Resources

Goal

Renovation and historic preservation of the former Club Eaton

Status

I completed the prerequisite requirements to get the funding for this project, including a Historic Grant Management Course. Once Ms. Shan Rose came on board she assumed responsibility for this project. It is now being handled by CRA.

The End

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