



# City of Eustis

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TO: EUSTIS CITY COMMISSION

FROM: TOM CARRINO, CITY MANAGER

DATE: MAY 4, 2023

RE: RESOLUTION NUMBER 23-43: APPROVING AN URBAN COUNTY  
COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH LAKE COUNTY RELATING TO THE  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

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## **Introduction:**

Representatives of Lake County have asked the City of Eustis to opt into Lake County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Resolution Number 23-43 approves an agreement opting into Lake County's program.

## **Background:**

The City of Eustis has been coordinating with Lake County on the Coolidge/Rosenwald Gardens area improvement project. This project includes utility (water, sewer, and stormwater) upgrades, as well as road improvements to Coolidge Street and several cross streets between Wall Street and Coolidge Street. This project will provide improved infrastructure to the area that will serve both existing homes and allow for infill development of affordably-priced homes.

The discussions with Lake County on how to fund this project included use of the CDBG program. Lake County receives annual money from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). That funding is in part calculated on population, including the population of municipalities opting into the program. In the recent past, the City of Eustis has not been part of Lake County's program and has opted to apply for Small Cities CDBG money. By opting into Lake County's program, Lake County will receive additional annual fund from HUD. While opting-in will prohibit the City of Eustis from applying for separate Small Cities CDBG funding, it will allow the City to access CDBG funds directly through Lake County's process.

The draft agreement expresses the City's willingness to participate directly in Lake County's CDBG program, and it includes several specific provisions. The City will not be responsible for any direct cost or financial obligations as part of the agreement. The City agrees to allow its population to be included as part of any Lake County CDBG funding

formulas. The agreement is for three years, and it automatically renews unless the City elects to withdraw. The City acknowledges that it cannot apply for other CDBG grant opportunities.

As part of the partnership on the Coolidge/Rosenwald Gardens project, City Commission approved Resolution Number 23-33 approving an interlocal agreement with Lake County to fund the design and engineering for the road portion of the project. The Lake County Commission is scheduled to consider this item on May 9, 2023.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Approval of Resolution Number 23-43 authorizing the City Manager to execute the Urban County Cooperation Agreement related to the Community Development Block Grant Program.

**Budget Impact:**

The agreement does not commit the City to any direct financial costs. While the agreement does prevent the City from applying for other CDBG grant opportunities, it does facilitate funding through Lake County's CDBG program.

**Prepared by:**

Tom Carrino, City Manager

**Attachments:**

Resolution Number 23-43 with Attached Agreement