



# STAFF REPORT

## CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

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**TO:** City Council Regular Session **MEETING DATE:** October 19, 2021  
**FROM:** Mike Null, Assistant City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Second Public Hearing for a CDBG-CV Coronavirus Cycle grant application with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. *Mike Null*

### BACKGROUND

The City of Green Cove Springs is considering submitting an application to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant in the Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Application cycle. A total of \$41,931,595.00 is being made available through a competitive application process to local governments who are eligible to participate in the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program within the State of Florida. The minimum amount a community may apply for is two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00), the maximum amount a community may apply for is five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00). The City may submit only one application for a single project or program.

These funds must be used for projects that meet the following threshold criteria:

1. Project activities must meet at least one of the following National Objectives:
  - Benefit to Low-and-Moderate Income Persons (LMI) individuals and/or households, including:
    - Indirect benefit activities – at least 51% of beneficiaries must be LMI; or
    - Direct benefit activities – 100% of beneficiaries must be LMI.
  - Prevention or elimination of slum and blight – see 24 CFR §570.483(c); or
  - Address an Urgent Need – see 24 CFR 570.483(d).
2. Project activities must prevent, prepare for, or respond to the coronavirus, and should demonstrate a:
  - Direct effect: Costs directly associated with coronavirus prevention, preparation, or response, (e.g. rehabilitation of building to create additional quarantine and isolation rooms for recovering COVID-19 patients).
  - Indirect effect: Economic and housing market disruptions (e.g. small business assistance).

After the first public hearing the City is proposing to submit an application to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for funding to:

Rehabilitate the cafetorium building at the Augusta Savage Arts and Community Center (ASACC) to allow it to serve as a satellite testing site and or vaccination site for COVID-19 for the city's residents. Additionally, the cafetorium can also serve as a staging and distribution site for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) or other items to be distributed to the public. The kitchen can also serve as a food prep site for programs such as meals on wheels and soup kitchens.

## FISCAL IMPACT

## RECOMMENDATION

Motion to move forward with submitting the proposed grant application