

# Community Development Block Grant

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1. Federal Funding to the State
2. State Develops Rule and Application
3. Competitive Process
4. Benefit to Low and Moderate Income (LMI)
5. Eligible Applicants:
  - a) Cities of less than 50,000 population
  - b) Counties of less than 200,000 population

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1. Very, very competitive (common to take 2-3 tries)
2. Community Wide Need Scores (CWNS) are base scores calculated by FDEO/HUD
3. Income documentation required – census can be used but survey is usually required to achieve score (51% LMI min, 70% LMI is better for score)

# 2020 CDBG Income Limits

FY 2020 Income Limit Area	Median Family Income	FY 2020 Income Limit Category	Persons in Family							
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>Columbia County, FL</b>	\$55,200	Low (50%) Income Limits (\$)	19,600	22,400	25,200	<b>28,000</b>	30,250	32,500	34,750	37,000
		Very (30%) Low Income Limits (\$)*	12,760	17,240	21,720	<b>26,200</b>	30,250	32,500	34,750	37,000
		LMI (80%) Income Limits (\$)	31,400	35,850	40,350	<b>44,800</b>	48,400	52,000	55,600	59,150

# Funding Categories



## Regular Category (\$750,000)

### 1. Neighborhood Revitalization (infrastructure)

- LMI neighborhoods at least 51% LMI; 70% LMI will maximize score
- Minimum 85 LMI households (HH) in the project area served by the CDBG work for max score
- Eligible Activities: water, sewer, roads, storm, neighborhood centers, parks, sidewalks
- New sewer and water score the highest
- Leverage up to \$50,000 for 25 points
- Ready to proceed (plans, specs, permit apps) 100 points



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### 2. Housing Rehabilitation (rehabilitation/repair)

- LMI owner occupied repairs: code, safety, hardening
- Leverage \$50,000 (can be County SHIP) 25 points
- Green improvements in Housing Assistance Plan is important to score
- 10 owner occupied units must be addressed to maximize score
- Very Low Income and Low Income HH must be addressed to maximize points
- A CDBG Housing Assistance Plan with priorities such as disabled, veterans, elderly head of HH must be adopted

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### 3. Commercial Revitalization (CRA improvements)

- Commercial Redevelopment Area required
- LMI city wide at least 51%; sidewalks parking, lighting, building code, facades
- Leverage is important to score (can be Tax Increment Financing/TIF)
- Ready to proceed is important to score
- Optional points for other community development such as architectural standards, market study, vacant commercial properties

# Economic Development



**Economic Development (maximum \$1,500,000)**

***Open until State funds expended – does not compete with regular CDBG***

- Infrastructure needed for business expansion or new business: water, sewer, rail, traffic, roads, gas, fiber
- Local government-owned buildings; market rent
- Loans to businesses (via eligible local governments)
- Job Creation required: grant per job under \$35,000
- At least 51% of the jobs created going to persons of LMI households; diploma or equivalent and on job training <sup>8</sup>



# Economic Development, cont.



## Economic Development – Sample program

- e) Public Benefit Standards = cost per job under \$35,000 (e.g. – For a \$1,500,000 grant:  
 $\$1,500,000 \text{ divided by } \$34,999 = 42.85 =$   
round up = 43 Jobs Minimum)
- f) National Objective = Job Creation with at least 51% of the jobs created going to LMI Persons.  
(e.g. Above 43 Jobs times .51 = 21.85 = round up = 22 LMI Jobs)

# Process

1. CATF (appointed; at least 5 citizens; 51% LMI; required to meet once before the 1st Public Hearing)
2. First Public Hearing (review categories)
3. Income Surveys if applicable
4. Application draft
5. Second Public Hearing (resolution to submit; leverage funds)
6. Interlocal if needed for other government participation
7. Application finalized and submitted
8. Economic Development can apply until funds expended

# The City of Lake City CDBG Program Review Questions



## Thank You