



Public Notice of Availability for Review and Comments

CITY OF GAINESVILLE

Substantial Amendments to 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan, 2018-2022 Citizen Participation Plan, and 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan; Reallocation of 2019-2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds; and Allocation of CDBG-CV Funds

To respond to the Coronavirus Crisis and the impacts of social distancing, the City of Gainesville (City) proposes substantial amendments to the: 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan, 2018-2022 Citizen Participation Plan, and 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan. The proposed amendments will modify priority needs and strategic plan goals to reflect the inclusion of the following initiatives:

- **GNVCares About Businesses:** Economic development, including a small business grant and loan programs targeted to serve Low- and Moderate-Income and Community Reinvestment Areas;
- **GNVCares About Neighbors:** Expanded Public Services that may include public health, housing, community and economic development to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus.

This is a Substantial amendment because the City is re-allocating funds from previous CDBG program years and has received a new allocation of CDBG funds from the federal CARES Act, referred to hereafter as CDBG-CV. The following funds will be re-allocated and allocated to support the new GNVCares About Business and GNVCares About Neighbors designed to focus the City's COVID-19 relief and recovery activities:

- **\$800,608** in Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 funds (CDBG-CV); and
- **\$437,170** in 2019-2020 CDBG funds being re-programmed from activities that cannot be undertaken based on the mandated social-distancing and shelter-in-place. Funds may be re-programmed for the use of providing public health, housing, and community and economic development services to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus.

The City of Gainesville is also updating its Citizen Participation Plan to provide opportunities for the public to continue to participate in a public comment process virtually; and during a shortened regulatory advertisement, public comment, and virtual hearing timeframe.

Based on the regulatory relief provided in the CARES Act and guidance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the public will have five (5) days from publication of this advertisement to provide written comments. The proposed Annual Action Plan and amendments to the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans can be viewed at <http://www.cityofgainesville.org/HousingCommunityDevelopment.aspx>.

Citizens are encouraged to participate via:

1. **Providing comments at a virtual public meeting:** Slides and a presentation of the plan and amendments will be available on the City of Gainesville webpage. Public comments will be taken via a conference call format at (800) 876-7516 on Monday, April 27, 2020 at 3:00 pm.
2. **Providing comments via email:** Written comments can be emailed to Vian Guinyard at [**CockerhamFV@cityofgainesville.org**](mailto:CockerhamFV@cityofgainesville.org) and must be received by 11:00 a.m. on Monday, April 27, 2020 to be included. The City of Gainesville will respond to all written correspondence received.

If you have a disability and need an accommodation in order to participate in this meeting, please contact the Office of Equal Opportunity at (352)334-5051 at least two business days in advance. TTY (Text Telephone Telecommunication Device) users please call 711 (Florida Relay Service). For Speech to Speech (STS) relay, please call 1-877-955-5334. For STS Spanish relay, please call 1-877-955-8773. For STS French Creole relay, please call 1-877-955-8707.

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