

# Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

## Citizen Advisory Task Force Meeting

### & First Public Hearing Notice

CITY OF BLOUNTSTOWN, FLORIDA

The City of Blountstown is considering applying to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for FFY 2023-2024 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The City is eligible to apply for funds in the neighborhood revitalization, commercial revitalization, housing rehabilitation and the economic development categories. Construction activities funded through the CDBG Program must meet one of the following National Objectives:

1. Provide benefit to low- and moderate-income persons;
2. Prevent or eliminate slum or blight conditions; or
3. Meet a need of recent origin having a particular urgency.

The types of activities that CDBG funds may be used for include constructing stormwater ponds, paving roads and sidewalks, installing sewer and water lines, building a community center or park, making improvements to a sewage treatment plant, and rehabilitating low-income homes. Additional information regarding the range of activities that could be funded will be provided at the public hearing.

In developing a CDBG application, the City of Blountstown must plan to minimize displacement of persons as a result of the activities. In addition, the City is required to develop a plan to assist displaced persons.

A **Citizen Advisory Task Force (CATF) Meeting** will be held on **March 11, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. CST at the City Council Meeting Room at the City Complex behind the Blountstown Fire Department located at 20591 Central Ave. West, Blountstown, FL 32424**, to discuss community needs and make project recommendations.

A **Public Hearing** to obtain citizen comment concerning the City's economic and community development needs will be held at the **City Council Meeting Room at the City Complex behind the Blountstown Fire Department located at 20591 Central Ave. West, Blountstown, FL 32424, Blountstown, FL, on March 11, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. CST.**

**The CATF meeting and public hearing are being conducted in handicapped accessible locations. Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in the hearing is asked to advise the City at least five days before the hearing.**

For more information concerning the public hearing, or to request special accommodation, please contact **Traci Hall, City Manager/Finance Director**, at **(850) 674-5488** or **thall@blountstown.org**. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the City of Blountstown using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800) 955-8771 (TTY) or 1(800) 955-8770 (Voice).

Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should contact **Traci Hall, City Manager/Finance Director**, at **(850) 674-5488** or **thall@blountstown.org** at least five days prior to the hearing and an interpreter will be provided.

Cualquier persona que no hable inglés y desee asistir a la audiencia pública debe comunicarse con **Traci Hall**, administradora municipal/directora de finanzas, al **(850) 674-5488** o **thall@blountstown.org** al menos cinco días antes de la audiencia y se le proporcionará un intérprete.