

1st Public Hearing Notice

CITY OF KEY WEST NOTICE OF FIRST PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Key West is considering applying to the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for a 2012 Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant of up to \$750,000.00.

These funds must be used for one of the following purposes:

1. To benefit low and moderate income persons; or
2. To aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; or
3. To meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

The activity categories for which these funds may be used are in the areas of housing, neighborhood and commercial revitalization or economic development. Eligible uses of funds include such physical improvement activities as housing and commercial building rehabilitation, clearance, water and sewer improvements, street improvements, drainage, housing site development parking and loans to businesses. Additional information regarding the range of activities that may be undertaken will be provided at the public hearing.

For each activity that is proposed, at least 70% of the funds must benefit low and moderate income persons.

In developing an application for submission to DEO, the City must plan to minimize displacement of persons as a result of planned CDBG activities. In addition, the City is required to develop a plan to assist displace persons.

A public hearing to receive citizen views concerning the community's housing, economic and other community development needs will be held on August 21, 2012, at 6:00p.m., or as soon as possible thereafter, during the City of Key West Commission Meeting at Old City Hall, 510 Greene Street, Key West, Florida 33040.

For more information contact Lee-Ann Broadbent, Director, Community Development Office, 1400 Kennedy Drive, Key West, Florida 33040, Phone 305-292-1221.

Meeting is handicapped accessible.

ADA Assistance: It is the policy of the City of Key West to comply with all requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Please call the TTY number at 305-809-1000 or the ADA Coordinator at 305-809-3951 at least five business days in advance for sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or materials in accessible format.

Miscellaneous

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Division of Community Development

Notice of Funding Availability

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

73C-23.0041: Application Process and Administrative Requirements

Notice of Funding Availability

Department of Economic Opportunity

Florida Small Cities CDBG Program

The Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) announces funding availability under the Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The Department will make Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2012 funding available for the Neighborhood Revitalization (\$8.82 million), Housing Rehabilitation (\$3.44 million) and Commercial Revitalization (\$0.64 million) program categories. In order to be eligible to apply in these categories, applicants cannot have an open grant in any of the three program areas or an open Planning and Design Specifications grant.

The Department also has approximately \$8.6 million available in the Economic Development program area for job creation/retention activities. In the event that funds in this category remain available after the application deadline, applications in the Economic Development category will be reviewed, and eligible applications will be awarded subgrants on a first-come, first-served basis. A total of \$21.5 million in FFY 2012 funding will be available to eligible applicants in the four program areas.

In addition, approximately \$0.57 million is designated as Emergency Set-Aside funding for state-declared emergencies. These funds will be available for emergencies that occur between April 1, 2012 and March 31, 2013. Any funds in the set-aside for which a notice of intent to submit an emergency application has not been received by March 31, 2013, will be reallocated in accordance with Section 290.044(4), Florida Statutes.

Eligible local governments must meet specific population requirements and cannot be participants in a CDBG Urban Entitlement Program. The population requirements are: cities with not more than 50,000 residents and counties with not more than 200,000 residents. The application process is conducted in accordance with Sections 290.0401 – 290.048, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 73C-23, Florida Administrative Code.

The Federal Fiscal Year 2012 application cycle for all of the above-mentioned categories of funding will begin (“open”) on August 15, 2012 and end (“close”) at 5:00 p.m. (EDT) on October 1, 2012 (“the deadline date”). Applications must be submitted on the forms that are available on the Department’s website and must be received by 5:00 p.m. (EDT) on October 1, 2012. Mailing address: Florida Small Cities CDBG Program, Department of Economic Opportunity, 107 East Madison Street, MSC #400, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-6508. Hand-delivered applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. (EDT), October 1, 2012 at the Small Cities CDBG Program office, Room 243, Collins Building, 107 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, FL. An electronic copy of the application in Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF format (on a CD) can be submitted as the second copy of the application, as long as one complete hard copy with original signatures is submitted.

If you have questions, please contact the Small Cities CDBG Grants Management Staff or Roger Doherty, Planning Manager, (850)717-8417, by email: roger.doherty@deo.myflorida.com.