

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESCAMBIA CONSORTIUM CONSOLIDATED PLAN SUMMARY

The Escambia Consortium, comprised of Escambia County, the City of Pensacola, Santa Rosa County, and Milton, Florida, have drafted the 2019/2020 Annual Housing and Community Development Plan for the period October 1, 2019 - September 30, 2020. The draft Annual Plan denotes key agencies and individuals participating in the planning process and identifies the Consortium's 2019/2020 Annual Action Plan for the utilization of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME), Public Housing Grant Programs, and other HUD programs designed to address housing and community development needs. The major priorities include: rehabilitation of rental and homeowner occupied substandard housing units for families with incomes between 0-80% of the area median income; new construction, homebuyer assistance, and acquisition/rehabilitation activities in support of the provision of affordable housing for families with incomes primarily between 50-80% of median; expansion of below market rate and subsidized rental assistance for families with incomes between 0-50% of median through acquisition, rehabilitation and/or construction; support of activities leading to the development of housing for persons with special needs; supportive services addressing the special needs of the elderly, handicapped, and homeless or near homeless; redevelopment activities within designated areas of slum and blight; and targeted community development public facility and improvement priorities. Activities are generally available to assist eligible lower income persons in varying capacities and financial levels throughout the respective jurisdictions to the extent that such availability is not limited by Federal or State Regulations and/or financial resources. The draft 2019 Annual Action Plan is available for public review at the following Pensacola and Milton locations between the hours of 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

City of Pensacola
Housing Division
420 West Chase Street
Pensacola, Florida
(Closed on Fridays)

Escambia County
Neighborhood Enterprise Division
Suite 200
221 Palafox Place
Pensacola, Florida

Housing Programs Office
Santa Rosa County Public Services Complex
6051 Old Bagdad Highway
Milton, Florida

ESCAMBIA CONSORTIUM, FLORIDA
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN SUMMARY
(October 1, 2019 - September 30, 2020)

This section of the Plan incorporates the Consortium's application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Program Year 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME) funding which is detailed as follows.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY
2019-2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
PROPOSED BUDGET AND ACTIVITIES

HOUSING REHABILITATION:

Housing Rehabilitation Program (General)

\$150,000*

Provide assistance for low/moderate income families through Deferred Payment Grants/Deferred Payment Loans/Low Interest Loans, or a combination thereof, for the rehabilitation of 3-4 substandard homeowner occupied units, including lead based paint assessment and abatement, and other related program operating cost, including program administration and temporary relocation as required. Funds may also be used to provide for sanitary sewer connection assistance, energy improvements, removal of architectural barriers for owners with disabilities, weatherization and storm protection/mitigation improvements, and other applicable improvements. (Unincorporated Escambia County)

*All program income from housing rehabilitation loans will be used to rehabilitate substandard homeowner occupied units for low and moderate income families located within unincorporated Escambia County (estimated program income is \$10,000). (Unincorporated Escambia County)

ADMINISTRATION/PLANNING:

General Grant Administration/Management

\$269,168

Provides for oversight, management, coordination and monitoring of financial and programmatic administration of the CDBG Program, operating expenses, and indirect costs.

Escambia County Community Redevelopment Agency

\$17,500

Provides support for planning and administrative staffing and operation of the Community Redevelopment Agency which targets designated areas of slum and blight within the County

PUBLIC SERVICES:

Council on Aging of West Florida, Inc.

\$47,000

Funds support the Council on Aging's Rural Elderly Outreach Program which provides supportive services, including transportation, for approximately 450 rural elderly citizens in Cantonment, Century, Davisville and McDavid in Escambia County, Florida. (132 Mintz Lane, Cantonment)

Title Clearance

\$60,000

Funds will support legal services to clear title for 20-25 low or moderate income clients in order to remove barriers to their ability to improve or maintain their properties, by becoming eligible for traditional financing or County/City rehabilitation programs. Cases may include probate, quiet title, bankruptcy and tax disputes and will allow clients to gain and maintain ownership of their homes. Support provided through Legal Services of North Florida.

Foreclosure Prevention Education

\$15,500

Foreclosure prevention guidance and education to assist Escambia County residents avoid foreclosure and retain ownership of their homes. Individual instructional opportunities are provided to review the individual's current situation and discuss options for assistance. (County Wide, including Pensacola and Century)

Homeless Services

\$50,000

Support for operational costs for homeless shelter, including HMIS and/or coordinated entry costs to support shelter operations.

DEMOLITION/CLEARANCE:

Demolition/Clearance of Unsafe Structures or Properties

\$120,000

Funds will be used to provide direct assistance for demolition/clearance for income eligible property owners to eliminate dilapidated, structurally unsound buildings and/or abandoned lots/properties in the unincorporated County. Remaining funds may be used in designated areas of slum and blight, specifically the Atwood, Barrancas, Brownsville, Cantonment, Englewood, Ensley, Oakfield, Palafox & Warrington Community Redevelopment Areas and Century. 2019 proposed projects include clearance of blighted and unsafe structures at Alger Sullivan Lumber site in Century.

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS:

County Facility Handicapped Accessibility Improvement Project

\$200,000

Completion of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) required handicapped accessibility planning, permitting, design and improvements to Escambia County public buildings and facilities. Funding to support improvements to Old County Courthouse, Century Volunteer Fire Department, Sheriff's Evidence Storage, Government Complex Office, Wildlife Sanctuary, Bellview Athletic Park, Cantonment Athletic Park, and/or Brent Athletic Park as funding permits. (Countywide)

CRA Neighborhood Improvement Project Enhancements

\$505,295

Funds to provide enhancements in conjunction with other community redevelopment and housing projects located within eligible CDBG low and moderate income Community Redevelopment Areas (CRA) to include street rehabilitation/reconstruction; new or upgraded street lighting; sidewalk construction/ reconstruction; sanitary sewer and/or stormwater drainage improvements; and related infrastructure improvements, including those in support of housing development. 2019 proposed projects include the Lee Street Sidewalks/Sewer design (\$31,215), Lee

Street Sidewalks/Sewer construction, and/or Avery Street sidewalks construction in the Brownsville area. Priority will be given to projects identified in the Redevelopment Plans for the County designated Community Redevelopment Areas: Atwood, Barrancas, Brownsville, Cantonment, Englewood, Ensley, Oakfield, Palafox & Warrington. Funds, if any, remaining after completion of CRA priorities may be expended in other CDBG eligible areas.

TOTAL 2019 ESCAMBIA COUNTY CDBG FUNDS PROJECTED

\$1,434,463
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**CITY OF PENSACOLA
2019-2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
PROPOSED BUDGET AND ACTIVITIES**

HOUSING REHABILITATION:

Housing Rehabilitation Loan/Grant Programs

\$368,026*

Funds to repair and/or rehabilitate owner-occupied houses; to provide for structural modifications and the removal of architectural barriers to accommodate the needs of persons with disabilities; to provide for the federally mandated evaluation and control of lead based paint hazards for projects with a house constructed prior to 1978; and to provide for administrative costs of this program and other related housing rehabilitation/repair activities. Funding will provide for the rehabilitation/repair of 8-10 owner occupied housing units. The program is available to low and moderate income persons occupying their homestead residence within the corporate limits of the City of Pensacola.

*All program income from housing rehabilitation loans will be used to rehabilitate and/or repair homeowner occupied units for low and moderate income families located within the corporate limits of the City of Pensacola (estimated program income is \$100,000).

Temporary Relocation

\$20,000

Funds will provide temporary relocation for families whose dwelling units are being rehabilitated via the City's Housing Rehabilitation Programs, which includes the HOME Reconstruction Program. This is a requirement under the Uniform Act.

PUBLIC FACILITIES and IMPROVEMENTS:

Neighborhood Improvement Projects

\$100,000

Funds to support neighborhood improvement projects within CDBG eligible neighborhoods. Projects may include activities that address the removal of slum and blighted conditions associated with vacant or abandoned properties; street rehabilitation/reconstruction including the installation of handicap curb cuts and related improvements; sidewalk construction; sanitary sewer and/or stormwater drainage improvements; park improvements; and street lighting. Further, \$25,000 from Pre FY2015 grant funds will be allocated to the activity.

PUBLIC SERVICES:

Council on Aging of West Florida, Inc. (COA)

\$70,000

Funds will provide support for two nutritional programs, Meals on Wheels and Senior Dining Sites, which are made available to low and moderate income elderly and special needs residents residing within the corporate limits of the City of Pensacola. Approximately 16,000 meals will be provided through these programs. The Meals on Wheels program provides nutritionally balanced meals to residents in their homes. The Senior Dining Sites program provides nutritional meals to eligible adult recipients at six sites located within the City and also an element of socialization and recreation. The six dining sites are the Fricker Resource Center, E. S. Cobb Resource Center, Bayview Senior Resource Center, Westminster Retirement Village, Gull Point Resource Center, and Council on Aging of West Florida's office. These funds provide direct services. CDBG funds received from the City are utilized by COA as 1:10 leverage for other critical federal and state funding for which COA would most likely be unable to apply.

Homebuyer and Foreclosure Prevention Education Program

\$42,617

Pre-purchase homeownership education, guidance, and support for lower income (80% or below of area median income) residents with a goal of owning their own home. Foreclosure prevention guidance, education, and assistance is provided to assist Pensacola residents avoid foreclosure and retain ownership of their homes.

PROGRAM PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION:**General Grant Administration/Management****\$150,156**

Funds to administer the City's CDBG Program which includes personnel services and operating expenses.

TOTAL ESTIMATED FY 2019-2020 CDBG PROPOSED BUDGET**\$ 750,779**

Projected FY 2019-2020 CDBG Grant Allocation
Pre FY 2015 Funds

\$ 750,799
\$ 25,000

TOTAL 2019 CITY OF PENSACOLA CDBG FUNDS PROJECTED**\$ 775,799**

**ESCAMBIA CONSORTIUM
2019-2020 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS ACT (HOME)
PROPOSED BUDGET AND ACTIVITIES
FOR MEMBER JURISDICTIONS**

ESCAMBIA COUNTY:**SUBSTANTIAL HOUSING REHABILITATION/RECONSTRUCTION****\$476,122**

Provide assistance for low/moderate income families through Deferred Payment Loans/Low Interest Loans, or a combination thereof, for the substantial rehabilitation or reconstruction of approximately 4 severely substandard homeowner occupied housing units. Funding may also be used to provide temporary relocation assistance while the unit is being rehabilitated. (Escambia County)

CITY OF PENSACOLA:**SUBSTANTIAL HOUSING REHABILITATION/RECONSTRUCTION****\$131,344**

Provide assistance for low/moderate income families through Deferred Payment Loans/Low Interest Loans, or a combination thereof, for the substantial rehabilitation or reconstruction of approximately 1-2 severely substandard homeowner occupied housing units. (City of Pensacola)

SANTA ROSA COUNTY:**SUBSTANTIAL HOUSING REHABILITATION/RECONSTRUCTION****\$93,000**

Provide assistance for low/moderate income families through Deferred Payment Grants/Deferred Payment Loans/Low Interest Loans, or a combination thereof, for the substantial rehabilitation or reconstruction of approximately 1 severely substandard homeowner occupied housing units. Funding may also be used to provide temporary relocation assistance while the unit is being rehabilitated. (Santa Rosa County)

HOMEBUYER ASSISTANCE**\$120,434**

Provide down payment/closing cost or second mortgage (gap financing) assistance, through Deferred Payment or Low Interest Loans to enable low/moderate income homebuyers to purchase an affordable home. It is estimated that this funding will assist 12 families. (Santa Rosa County)

JOINT HOME ACTIVITIES (CONSORTIUM-WIDE):**HOUSING DEVELOPMENT (CHDO SET-ASIDE)****\$164,180**

Provide low interest and/or deferred loan assistance to designated Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO's) for development of affordable single family units (5-10 units) for homeownership or affordable rental units (2 units) either through new construction or acquisition and rehab of substandard units.

ADMINISTRATION/MANAGEMENT (JOINT)**\$109,453**

Provides for oversight, management, monitoring and coordination of financial and general administration of the HOME Program in all participating jurisdictions.

2019 HOME Funds Available to the Consortium **\$ 1,094,533**
(HUD Required 25% Local match provided through SHIP funds and carry forward match balance)

TOTAL 2019 HOME FUNDS PROJECTED

\$1,094,533

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TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS are being sponsored by the Consortium to afford citizens the opportunity to review, comment and/or provide input regarding the content of this Notice and/or the draft 2019/2020 Annual Plan. **The hearings will be held at 5:30 P.M. (CST) on May 21, 2019, at the Pensacola Housing Office, 420 West Chase Street, Pensacola, Florida and at 9:30 A.M. (CST) on May 22, 2019, at the Santa Rosa County Public Services Complex, Public Services Media Room, 6051 Old Bagdad Hwy, Milton, Florida.** All interested citizens are urged to attend and participate.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing accommodations to attend or participate, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, should contact 858-0350 (City) or 595-4947 (County) at least 72 hours in advance of the event in order to allow time to provide the requested services.

Written comments or input regarding local housing needs or priorities will be accepted through **June 18, 2019**, and may be submitted to: Escambia Consortium, 221 Palafox Place, Suite 200, Pensacola, Florida 32502 or via NED@myescambia.com. For further information, contact Meredith Reeves at 595-4968 (Escambia County), Marcie Whitaker at 858-0323 (City of Pensacola), or Erin Malbeck at 981-7076 (Santa Rosa County).

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