

## COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA COMMUNITY CENTER

**AWARD AMOUNT** 

\$500,000

LEVERAGE AMOUNT

N/A

**PURPOSE** 

Design & Permitting

**DURATION** 

2 Years

**ELIGIBLE ACTIVITY** 

Planning Assistance

**MEASURE OF SUCCESS** 

Completion of Design

**PRIMARY BENEFITS** 

Project will design a new community center in a Community Redevelopment Area.

The RESTORE Act, signed into law in 2012, directs 80% of civil penalties received as a result of the 2010 Deepwater Horizon Gulf of Mexico oil spill be deposited in the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund. Escambia County will receive approximately \$70 million through 2031 from the RESTORE Act Direct Component (Pot 1) allocation. For more information on the County's RESTORE Program, please visit myescambia.com/RESTORE.

This project will fund planning, design, and permitting of a new community center in one of Escambia County's Community Redevelopment Areas (CRA). Project features will include a multipurpose indoor facility and outdoor rubber track to serve the emerging sports tourism market. Exact location will be determined based on proximity to the needs of the community, but will likely be located in the Palafox CRA.

The specific and primary purpose for which the Community Redevelopment Agency is formed is to revitalize and enhance the quality of life within the CRA areas by encouraging private sector reinvestment, promoting economic development and providing public sector enhancements. The CRA administers plans for nine designated redevelopment districts.

Under Florida Law, Escambia County has established a Finding of Necessity for each designated Redevelopment District identifying pervasive conditions of blight which may include the presence of substandard or inadequate structures, a shortage of affordable housing and/or inadequate infrastructure, amongst other conditions.

To remedy these conditions, Escambia County Community Redevelopment Agency provides services and support to enhance the quality of life within Escambia County's designated redevelopment districts by encouraging private sector investment, promoting economic development and providing public sector enhancements within these areas.

