



CRA INFRASTRUCTURE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

AWARD AMOUNT

\$1.5 million

LEVERAGE AMOUNT

N/A

PURPOSE

Design & Construction

DURATION

3 Years

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITY

Infrastructure benefitting the economy

MEASURE OF SUCCESS

Implementation of complete streets to revitalize targeted Community Redevelopment Areas.

PRIMARY BENEFITS

Project will target Community Redevelopment Areas for infrastructure improvements to stimulate redevelopment in economically depressed and blighted areas by instituting complete street concepts.

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.

The project will target a neighborhood collector street in either the Brownsville, Palafox, Englewood, Oakfield, or Ensley Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) for implementing complete street concepts, including street lighting, sidewalks, bike lanes, and incorporation of green infrastructure for stormwater management. The project will also target and implement lighting and sidewalk improvements to fill critical infrastructure gaps.

Complete streets help create livable communities by improving or redeveloping the public realm to support multi-modal transportation to support improvements to equity, safety, and public health. This project will support redevelopment and economic development in Escambia County's pockets of poverty.

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.

