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Agenda Item Name:

Community Development Block Grant - Pre-Application Public Hearing for COVID (CDBG-CV) Grant Application

Presenter:

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Description:

Pre-Application Public Hearing required to apply for CDBG-CV grant

Recommended Action:

Receive staff presentation and recommendations regarding the County's pre-application for CDBG-CV grant, receive public comments, provide staff with direction regarding the scope of the grant pre-application, and authorization for the County Manager (or designee) to submit the grant pre-application on behalf of the County.

Prior Board Motions:

None

Fiscal Consideration:

None

Background:

Alachua County is considering apply to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for the Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) federal funding is available to states to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. will administer the allocated funding to communities throughout the state. The County is eligible to apply for up to \$5 million. Eligible Activities include acquisition; public improvements; public facilities; business assistance; microenterprise assistance; public services; planning; and broadband planning and public Infrastructure.

Each activity must meet one of the following national objectives for the program:

1. Provide benefit low- and moderate-income persons;
2. Prevent or eliminate of slums or blight; or

3. Address a need of recent origin (18 months) having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community for which other funding is not available.

This is the 1st of two public hearings to obtain citizen comment concerning the County's economic and development needs. To meet the minimum requirements for citizen participation during the application phase, the applicant must hold two public hearings to obtain citizens' comments prior to its submission to DEO. Both hearings must be advertised as described in the applicant's Citizen Participation Plan. The timing of the hearing notices must follow CDBG-CV regulatory requirements. CDBG-CV public hearings may be held no less than 5 days after the date of publication. The first public hearing should be held at the beginning of the application process, prior to submission of the pre-application. The notice should provide enough information about the available funding and proposed project(s) to allow citizens to be able to provide input. The second public hearing must contain a description of the proposed activities to be carried out, including the amount of the funding request and total cost of the activities. The second public hearing must be conducted prior to submission of the final application.