

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Marion County Board of County Commissioners Community Services Department

Community Development Block Grant (October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013)

Marion County receives entitlement funds annually from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Funds are then allocated through a formal application process to activities that meet HUD's national objective: Benefiting low- and moderate- (L/M) income persons. In preparation for the 2012-2013 funding cycle, Marion County Community Services will be holding an open application period to consider projects for funding with the anticipated 2012/13 CDBG allocation and unencumbered funds from previous funding cycles.

CDBG funds may be used for activities which include, but are not limited to:

- acquisition of real property;
- relocation and demolition;
- rehabilitation of residential and non-residential structures;
- construction of public facilities and improvements, such as water and sewer facilities, streets, neighborhood centers, and the conversion of school buildings for eligible purposes;
- public services, within certain limits;
- activities relating to energy conservation and renewable energy resources; and
- provision of assistance to profit-motivated businesses to carry out economic development and job creation/retention activities.

Generally, the following types of activities are ineligible:

- acquisition, construction, or reconstruction of buildings for the general conduct of government;
- political activities;
- certain income payments; and
- construction of new housing by units of general local government

CDBG Consolidated Plan: Projects and activities must meet the priority needs identified in the Consolidated Plan. (<http://www.marioncountyfl.org/CommunityServices/publications.aspx>),

A Technical Assistance Workshop will be offered. Attendance is strongly encouraged for those wishing to submit an application for CDBG funding. Individual consultations will be made available upon request.

Technical Assistance Workshop:

Wednesday, December 14th 3:00 to 5:00pm

Growth Management Department 2710 E. Silver Springs Blvd. Ocala 34470

To Register for the workshop or for more information on CDBG funding, please call (352) 671-8770

Meeting locations will meet all handicapped provisions required under federal law. If any accommodations are needed for persons with disabilities, please contact the Community Services Department at 352-671-8770 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

