

**Marion County CDBG Funds  
Marion County Consortium HOME Funds  
Proposed FY 2009 - 2014 Consolidated Plan and FY 2009 Action Plans**

**Notice to Citizens:**

Marion County and the City of Ocala currently receive separate funding allocations of Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG) but have formed a Consortium to receive Federal HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds on an annual basis. These programs are administered through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). CDBG funds are used for the benefit of low/moderate income residents in unincorporated areas of the County. HOME funds are used to provide housing opportunities for income eligible residents living in unincorporated Marion County as well as within the City limits of Ocala. The County's other cities do not participate in these programs.

**Consolidated Plan:**

The Consolidated Plan was prepared cooperatively by Marion County and the City of Ocala and includes a discussion of needs and a combined strategy to meet those needs. It was developed with participation from both County and City staff and elected officials, affordable housing and social service providers and local citizens. Various public meetings were held to obtain citizen input on community needs.

As a result of this process, the following priorities were developed:

- Priority #1 – Provide and sustain decent, safe and affordable housing.**
- Priority #2 – Promote safe and decent transitional and permanent housing for homeless persons and very-low income, at-risk households.**
- Priority #3 – Provide economic opportunities to benefit low/mod income persons**
- Priority #4 – Create and maintain suitable living environments for low income residents through neighborhood revitalization activities.**

**Anticipated Funding:**

<b><u>CDBG Grant Award 2009/10</u></b>	<b>\$ 1,782,410</b>	<b><u>Consortium HOME Grant 2009/10: \$920,926</u></b>
VFW Home - expansion	\$ 391,946	
Forest Community Center – rehab.	\$ 560,000	
Transitional Housing	\$ 120,000	
Heart of FL – dental clinic	\$ 21,000	
Emergency Repairs-Mobile Homes	\$ 200,000	
Handicapped Ramps	\$ 75,420	
Foreclosure Intervention	\$ 132,000	
Forensic Investigator	\$ 18,795	
Grant Writer	\$ 37,500	
Contingency Funds	\$ 3,717	
Program Administration	\$ 222,032	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,782,410</b>	
		<b>Marion County share</b>
		• Purchase Assistance \$455,993
		• Administration \$ 71,684
		<b>City of Ocala share</b>
		• Purchase Assistance \$ 165,000
		• Housing Rehab \$ 69,701
		• Administration \$ 20,409
		<b>CHDO funds \$ 138,139</b>
		<b>Total: \$ 920,926</b>

Funding will be used to support projects that promote the priorities established in the Consolidated Plan as outlined in the Action Plan. Unexpended 08/09 project funding will be carried forward to 09/10. Any unencumbered 08/09 funds or unanticipated revenue will be redirected to new projects in 09/10 as outlined in the Action Plan.

**Public Comment Period:**

The 2009-2014 Consolidated Plan and the 2009/10 County Action Plan will be available for review between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the following locations: Marion County Community Services Department, 3003 SW College Rd., Suite 109, Ocala, FL 34474 and the Marion County Public Library Headquarters – Ocala, 2720 East Silver Springs Boulevard, Ocala, FL 34470. The Action Plan may also be viewed on the Marion County website at: [www.marioncountyfl.org/communityservices.htm](http://www.marioncountyfl.org/communityservices.htm). The public may submit written comments on the proposed Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan to the Marion County Community Services Department during the open comment period beginning 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 1, 2009 through 5:00 p.m. Friday, July 31, 2009. Response to Citizen Comments: A written response will be provided within 15 days for any written comments received.

**Public Hearing:**

A public hearing regarding this Action Plan will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Services Department located at 3003 SW College Rd., Suite 109, Ocala. Anyone planning to attend who requires assistance for a disability should contact the Public Affairs Office at 438-2303 by July 11, 2009.

**Final Action:**

The 2009-2014 Consolidated Plan and 2009/2010 Action Plan is scheduled for Board action on August 4, 2009 at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. For additional information please contact Cheryl Howell at 671-8770.