



**NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
CITY OF GAINESVILLE
CONSOLIDATED PLAN SUBMISSION FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023-2028
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN SUBMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
FEDERAL HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**

The City of Gainesville (City) is eligible to receive an annual funding allocation from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). All Funding is subject to appropriation by HUD. Quinquennial and Annual Action Plans must be submitted in accordance with federal regulations.

The Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan documents serve as planning and application funding tools. Opportunities for citizens input provide suggestions and ideas to develop the plans. The City will obtain views from citizens, non-profit agencies, neighborhood associations, stakeholders, advocates, health care providers, residents of public and assisted housing, and other interested parties. Topics that may be discussed include housing, homelessness, community development, economic development and other needs that can be addressed with federal funds under the CDBG and HOME programs.

The CDBG Program provides annual grants on a formula basis to states, cities, and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. The program is authorized under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as amended, 42 U.S.C.-530.1, et seq. CDBG Program funds may be used for activities such as, acquisition, disposition, public facilities and improvements, public services and housing services.

The HOME Program provides formula grants to states and localities that communities use—often in partnership with local nonprofit groups—to fund a wide range of activities including building, buying, and/or rehabilitating affordable housing for rent or homeownership, or providing direct rental assistance to low-income persons. HOME Program funds may be used for activities such as, homeowner rehabilitation, new construction and homebuyer assistance.

The City expects to receive the following funding through the CDBG and HOME Programs for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023:

Program	Entitlement Allocation	Program Income (Projected)	Total
CDBG	\$1,357,194	\$0	\$1,357,194
HOME	\$ 636,349	\$5,000	\$ 641,349

The City of Gainesville anticipates supporting the following Priority Needs: Affordable Housing, Public Services, Suitable Living Environments, and Planning and Administration. Additionally, Strategic Objectives will include the following: Housing, Homeless Assistance, Job Training/Employment Opportunities, Nutritional Support, and Assistance to Disadvantaged or At-Risk Children, Youth or Elderly Persons.

During FY 2023-2024, the projected funding set-asides are as follows: CDBG: \$700,755.20 - City Housing Programs; \$200,000 - Public Services; \$185,000 - Outside Agencies Housing Programs; and \$271,438.80 - Administration. HOME: \$377,261.75 - City Housing Programs; \$95,452.35 - Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO); \$100,000 - Outside Agencies Housing Programs; and \$63,634.90 - Administration.

Virtual and In-Person community engagement sessions will be held to provide details on the Consolidated and Annual Action Plans and to answer questions and receive input regarding citizen concerns and interests. The following Virtual Public Meeting has been scheduled:

- A virtual public community engagement session for non-profit Community Partners and other interested persons is scheduled on Friday, May 5, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Use the following link to attend: <https://tinyurl.com/mpbtm93v>

In addition, the following In-Person public community engagement sessions have been scheduled at 6:00 p.m.

- DISTRICT 3 – Monday, May 8, 2023 – Holy Faith Catholic Church, 747 NW 43rd St.
- DISTRICT 4 – Tuesday, May 9, 2023 – Thomas Center A – Long Gallery, 302 NE 6th Ave.
- DISTRICT 2 – Wednesday, May 10, 2023 – Senior Recreation Center, 5701 NW 34th Blvd.
- DISTRICT 1 – Thursday, May 11, 2023 – Gainesville Technology Enterprise Center (GTEC), 2153 SE Hawthorne Rd.

For non-profit outside agencies, the City of Gainesville anticipates having approximately **\$385,000** CDBG Program funding available for public services and housing projects; AND **\$195,452** HOME Program funding available for housing projects. Applications will be accepted from eligible not-for-profit organizations for the FY 2023-2024 program year for the following types of eligible activities which fall within the priority needs stated in the City's 2023-2028 Consolidated Plan and benefit extremely low, very low, low and moderate-income residents within the City of Gainesville:

- Housing
- Homeless Assistance
- Job Training/Employment Assistance
- Nutritional Support
- Programs that Serve Disadvantaged or At-Risk Youth or Elderly Persons

Cold Weather Shelter and Other Emergencies:

As part of the CDBG Program allocation, the City anticipates funding **\$25,000** to support temporary shelter and other support services for homeless persons, during periods of cold weather or other emergencies caused by extraordinary circumstances that threaten the physical health and/or welfare of homeless persons. Priority shall be given to homeless families with children (age 18 years and under) and/or homeless youth (age 18 years and under). Applications will be accepted from eligible not-for-profit organizations to provide temporary emergency indoor shelter and other support services during the upcoming cold weather months (November 2023 - March 2024). In the event of cold weather conditions prior to November 1, 2023, the City may authorize implementation of the Cold Night Shelter Program to ensure assistance is available to homeless persons.

All applications must demonstrate that temporary emergency indoor shelter and supportive services will be in strict compliance with all applicable sections of the City of Gainesville Code of Ordinances, including Section 30-2.1. Definitions; Section 30-5.12. Food Distribution Centers for the Needy; Section 30-5.23. Places of Religious Assembly; Section 30-5.25. Residences for Destitute People; and Section 30-5.35. Generally. All applications submitted must also demonstrate compliance with the City Manager's Administrative Procedure regarding the cold night temperature threshold (45° Fahrenheit) at which normally permitted occupancy limits can be exceeded for limited time periods. The City will award funding for this program to a qualified applicant who provides the most effective use of funds to provide temporary emergency indoor shelter and supportive services for homeless children and adults with children during the cold weather months. The City will award an ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION (quasi-governmental or non-profit agency with current 501(c)(3) tax exempt status) who submits an application for eligible homeless assistance activities.

All Citizens are invited to complete an online Community Needs Survey beginning on Wednesday, May 3, 2023.

The survey will be available from the City's website:

<https://www.gainesvillefl.gov/Government-Pages/Government/Departments/Housing-Community-Development>

Access to funding applications will be available online beginning Thursday, May 4, 2023 from the City's website:

<https://www.gainesvillefl.gov/Government-Pages/Government/Departments/Housing-Community-Development>

For Fiscal Year 2023-2024, ONLY electronically submitted CDBG and/or HOME applications will be accepted for funding consideration

The deadline for submitting these applications is:

Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time)

The City will conduct a Zoom workshop for prospective CDBG-HOME applicants on

Thursday, May 4, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/492xfp2t>

For more information, please call the Office of Housing & Community Development at (352) 393-8864; OR

For Cold Night Shelter inquiries, call Neighborhood Planning at (352) 393-8565

The City of Gainesville is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity/Drug Free Workplace Employer. The City of Gainesville is committed to a policy of non-discrimination in all City programs, services and activities, and will provide reasonable accommodations upon request. These public meetings will be held in locations that are accessible to persons with disabilities. To request accommodations for non-English speaking persons, individuals with disabilities, and individuals with hearing impairments, please contact the City of Gainesville Office of Equity and Inclusion at (352) 334-5051 (voice) or (352) 334-2069 TDD; TTY users please call 711.

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