

**Polk County Board of County Commissioners
Notification of Public Inspection Period
Public Meeting Notice and Request for Public Comment
2012-2013 Action Plan**

Polk County is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to prepare a Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan to govern the use of Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) funds. These funds must primarily benefit low and moderate income persons. Polk County plans to meet the following objectives: (1) Providing affordable housing that is both safe and decent, through construction/rehabilitation of owner occupied units, rental assistance, and preserving the housing stock. (2) Creating and maintaining a suitable living environment, by providing needed infrastructure improvements, providing access to public facilities and public services, and reducing blighting conditions. (3) Expanding economic opportunities by providing public services that help provide skills training and other tools needed to achieve self-sufficiency, promoting employment opportunities for low-income persons affected by activities and programs outlined in the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will be requested to approve the Polk County FY 2012-2013 Action Plan outlining community development projects and housing activities that will be directed toward improvement of the County's most distressed neighborhoods to benefit low and moderate income persons.

Program	Expenditure
Neighborhood Improvement	\$1,800,000.00
Municipal Partners	\$195,401.00
Public/Homeless Services	\$589,385.00
Affordable Housing	\$736,658.00
Grant Administration	\$675,272.00
Unprogrammed & Anticipated Income	\$100,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$4,096,716.00

A public hearing will be held Wednesday, June 27, 2012, at 6:00pm in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 330 W. Church Street, Bartow, Florida. The purpose of the hearing is to get comments from the public regarding the action plan.

The public is encouraged to refer to the Polk County website www.polk-county.net June 15, 2012, to review the proposed plan. The plan will also be available for review at the Polk County HND offices located at 1290 Golfview Avenue, Suite 167, Bartow, Florida from 8:00 am to 5:00pm. Documents will also be distributed to area libraries and City Halls. Please submit comments by email to melodyfrederick@polk-county.net. Written comments may also be mailed to Melody B. Frederick, Senior Planner, Polk County Housing and Neighborhood Development, Drawer HS04, P.O. Box 9005 Bartow, Florida 33831-9005. Please make sure comments are submitted no later than **July 15, 2012**. The Plan will be presented to the Polk BoCC for approval prior to submittal to HUD in August 2012.