

Polk County Housing & Neighborhood Development Office

Announces

A.) Notice of Intent to Make Substantial Amendment to the FY 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan – Amendment No. 2

And

B.) REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA) for Public Facilities Improvements Grants FY 2022-2023

A public meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. in the Polk County Administration Building, Room 413. The purpose of this meeting is to receive comments for a substantial amendment to the FY 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan, and to complete a mandatory technical assistance workshop for the submission of the Public Facilities Improvement Grant application in the Neighborly Software Platform.

A.) Polk County intends to make substantial amendment No. 2 to the FY 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan. The amendment will make the following changes to the current Action Plan activities as outlined below:

Project Descriptions	Budgeted Funds
# 2 Neighborhood Improvements 2022-2023 – Public Facilities Improvements Grants for nonprofit service providers.	\$ 200,000
# 6 CDBG Municipal Partners Projects - 2022-2023 - the City of Winter Haven proposes to complete design and engineering for the redevelopment of the Winter Haven Recreational & Cultural Center.	\$ 230,450
Total	\$ 430,450

Polk County HND will post the FY 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan Amendment No. 2 to the county website at www.polk-county.net for a 30-day public inspection and comment period. The proposed change will be available for review from March 7, 2023, to April 5, 2023, at the Polk County Housing & Neighborhood Development Office, located at 1290 Golfview Ave. Suite 167, Bartow, Florida. Please submit comments by email to NancyHurley@Polk-County.net. Written comments may also be mailed to Nancy Hurley, Housing Compliance Manager, Polk County Housing and Neighborhood Development Office, Drawer HS04, P.O. Box 9005 Bartow, Florida 33831-9005. Please make sure comments are submitted no later than 5:00 pm, April 5, 2023. For questions or comments about these programs by phone contact Nancy Hurley, Housing Compliance Manager, at (863) 534-5244 For limited English proficiency - Para información en español, puede comunicarse con Lillian Nolin al (863) 534-5240. This information is available in the ADA accessibility format that incorporates the needs of persons with disabilities in accessing the information provided. The link to this information on the HND website is <https://www.polk-county.net/housing-and-neighborhood-development>.

B.) The Polk County Housing and Neighborhood Development Office is accepting applications for program year (PY) 2022 for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Facility Improvement programs. The competitive grant makes funds available to assist non-profits and government agencies in improving facilities. These types of projects are critical to community vitality and sustainability. Typically, these projects include improvements to facilities that are either publicly owned or that are traditionally provided by the government, or owned or leased long-term by a nonprofit, and operated so as to be open to the general public.

Eligible Activities such as construction, reconstruction, and rehabilitation facility improvements are eligible activities under CDBG and can be carried out by subrecipients, or other nonprofit organizations. Public facilities may only be owned by these types of entities. Some examples include, but are not limited to:

- *Energy improvements;
- *Removal of architectural barriers;
- *Facilities improvements for persons with special needs such as facilities for the homeless or domestic violence shelters, nursing homes, or group homes for the disabled.

Polk County anticipates awarding an estimated amount of funds up to \$200,000 from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) depending on funding availability. Interested non-profit organizations are invited to submit an application. This application will be submitted electronically utilizing Neighborly Software. To be added as a vendor or for additional information, email HNDRequests@polk-county.net. Completed proposals must be submitted into Neighborly Portal online no later 4:59 P.M., Friday, April 14, 2023.

In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing special accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact the Communications Office not later than forty-eight hours prior to the proceeding. Their offices are located in the County Administration Building, 330 West Church Street in Bartow. Telephone (863) 534-6090, TDD (863) 534-7777 or 1-800-955-8771, Voice Impaired 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service or call (800) 955-8771 (TTY); dial (800) 955-1339 if you are using a computer.

