

City of Cedar Key

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City of Cedar Key Seeks Public Input as It Considers Applying for Community Development Block Grants

Cedar Key, FL — Following up on the two (2) public workshop meetings held on January 16, 2025, and January 30, 2025, Cedar Key is actively exploring the opportunity to apply for funding through the Florida Commerce Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

In previous years, local governments were limited to submitting only one CDBG application per year. However, **COMMERCE FINAL ORDER NO.: COM-25-003** has lifted this restriction, now allowing for **multiple CDBG application submittals**, offering a broader opportunity for eligible projects across the City.

The **CDBG Program**, established under the **Housing and Community Development Act of 1974** and administered by the **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**, provides federal funding for critical housing and community development activities.

Project Requirements

To be eligible, projects must meet at least one of the following **National Objectives**:

- **Benefit to Low-and Moderate-Income Persons** – At least 51% of beneficiaries must be low- and moderate-income households (earning no more than 80% of the area's median income).
- **Elimination of Slum and Blight** – Projects must address and eliminate slum or blight as defined by state law.
- **Address an Urgent Need** – Projects must respond to serious and immediate threats to health or safety, occurring within the past 18 months, with no other funding sources available.

Funding Categories

Cedar Key may apply for funding under one or more of the following four categories:


- **Commercial Revitalization**
- **Economic Development**
- **Housing Rehabilitation**
- **Neighborhood Revitalization**

Eligible units of local government, such as the City of Cedar Key, can tailor their applications to address specific local needs within these categories.

We Want Your Input!

Community feedback is vital to ensure that proposed projects align with public priorities. **Please attend the Public Meetings** to share your input and help shape Cedar Key's future.

The **two (2) public meeting** will be held on:

 **April 21 & 23, 2025**

 **5:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

The City of Cedar Key encourages all residents to participate and help guide future community development efforts.