

FIRST PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Town of Wausau, Florida is considering applying to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for a FFY 2022 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). If not funded under the initial 2022 cycle, this notice and public hearing will be used for a subsequent 2023 cycle. The Town is eligible to apply for up to Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) in the neighborhood revitalization, commercial revitalization, and housing rehabilitation categories and up to one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000.00) in the economic development category. Construction activities funded through the CDBG program must meet one of the following National Objectives:

1. To benefit low and moderate income persons;
2. To aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; or
3. To meet other community development needs of recent origin having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

The categories of activities for which these funds may be used are in the areas of housing, neighborhood revitalization, commercial revitalization or economic development and include such improvement activities as acquisition of real property, loans to private-for-profit businesses, purchase of machinery and equipment, construction of infrastructure, rehabilitation of houses and commercial buildings and energy conservation. Additional information regarding the range of activities that may be undertaken will be provided at the public hearing. For each activity that is proposed, at least 70% of the funds must benefit low and moderate income persons.

In developing an application for submission to DEO, the Town of Wausau must plan to minimize displacement of persons as a result of planned CDBG activities. In addition, the Town of Wausau is required to develop a plan to assist displaced persons.

A public hearing to receive citizen views concerning the community's economic and community development needs will be held at the Town of Wausau's Town Hall Council Meeting Room, located at 1607 2nd Avenue, Wausau, Florida 32463 on Thursday, March 30, 2023, at 4:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. For information concerning the public hearing contact Ms. Margaret Riley, Town Clerk, Town of Wausau, at 1607 2nd Avenue, Wausau, Florida 32463, by telephone at (850) 638-1781 or by e-mail at townofwausau@bellsouth.net.

The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop is asked to advise the agency at least 48 hours-before the workshop by contacting: Ms. Margaret Riley, Town Clerk, Town of Wausau at (850) 638-1781 or by e-mail at townofwausau@bellsouth.net.

Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should contact Ms. Riley at (850) 638-1761 or by e-mail at townofwausau@bellsouth.net. at least five calendar days prior to the meeting and a language interpreter will be provided. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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