

**CITY OF VALDOSTA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
FOR THE FY 2016 HUD ENTITLEMENT GRANT**

The City of Valdosta is scheduled to receive \$576,889 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as its Entitlement funding allocation under the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Unless otherwise designated concentrated use of funds will be in the Designated Revitalization Area consisting of Census Tracts 0105.00, 106.03-block2, 0108.00, 0109.00, 0110.00, 0113.01, and 113.02. All activities are expected to meet or exceed the 70% overall program benefit to low and moderate income citizens. Each activity must meet one of the three National Objectives of the CDBG program. These National Objectives are:

- 1) Provide a benefit to low and moderate – income persons;
- 2) Prevent or eliminate slum and blight; OR
- 3) Meet an urgent community need that threatens the health or welfare of residents

Listed below are the various programs and activities that are planned to be carried out in the FY 2016 and the National Objective that each addresses.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.....\$118,960

Small Business Seed Loans

Funds will be used to promote economic development through direct low-no interest seed loans for small businesses located or who create job opportunities in the Designated Revitalization Area (DRA). (\$50,000)

National Objective is to benefit low to moderate income persons

Continuing Small Business Education and Technical Assistance

Funding will be used to inform, educate and promote economic development in conjunction with the Valdosta Small Emerging Business (VSEB) Program through continuing education opportunities and small business technical assistance. (\$20,000)

National Objective is to benefit low and moderate income persons and an area benefit for low – moderate income populations

Great Promise Partnership Program Funding

Funding will be used to hire four (4) high school students who are eligible participants in the Great Promise Partnership Program. These positions will provide part-time employment hours during the school year and full-time employment hours during summer and school breaks. (\$48,960)

National Objective is to benefit low to moderate income persons

HOUSING.....\$292,552

Single Unit Residential Rehabilitation

Funds will be used to offer owner-occupied housing rehabilitation through direct loans and grants to low and moderate income homeowners for the rehabilitation of single-family residential structures. An emergency home repair program, minor repair program, major repair program, demolition and lead paint abatement will be conducted by City Staff. *National Objective is to benefit low and moderate income persons (\$258,701)*

Elimination of Slum and Blight

Bulk Trash Amnesty Days (2 per year in the DRA) Funds will be used to facilitate the removal of bulk trash on vacant parcels and residential properties in the Designated Revitalization Area (DRA)

National Objective is an area benefit to low and moderate income populations (\$15,000)

Fair Housing Community Education

Funds will be used to inform, educate and promote fair and equitable housing for low – moderate income persons who reside within Designated Revitalization Area of the City of Valdosta.

National Objective is to benefit low and moderate income persons (\$10,000)

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION..... \$115,377

Funds will be used to pay portions or entire salaries, benefits, and administrative costs of Community Development and Finance Department staff in oversight, management, monitoring, and coordination of CDBG programs (\$113,165)

PUBLIC SERVICE.....\$50,000

Funds will be used to promote the activities of select community service organizations to sustain their community outreach programs. (\$50,000)

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$576,889***

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT THE CITY OF VALDOSTA NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT DIVISION AT (229) 671-3617

****** Please note allocation amounts may increase or decrease pending the approval of the Congressional budget. All potential additional funds will be programmed into one of the proposed activities for the funding year.***

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