

City of Gainesville

**Notice of 30-Day Public Comment Period and Public Hearings
2023-2027 Consolidated Plan Substantial Amendment, 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan and
Citizen Participation Plan
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)**

The City of Gainesville (City) is soliciting input regarding the Program Year (PY) **2023-2027 Five Year Consolidated Plan Substantial Amendment** and Program Year (PY) **2024-2025 Annual Action Plan**. The Consolidated Plan is a five-year housing and community development planning document that identifies how the City will allocate Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program funds. The Consolidated Plan is carried out through **Annual Action Plans**, which provide a concise summary of the actions, activities, and the specific federal and non-federal resources that will be used each year to address the priority needs and specific goals identified by the Consolidated Plan.

The CDBG Program provides annual grants on a formula basis to states, cities, and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. CDBG Program funds may be used for activities such as acquisition, disposition, public facilities and improvements, public services, and housing services. For PY 2024, the City's CDBG allocation is \$1,386,148.00.

The HOME Program provides formula grants to states and localities that communities use, often in partnership with local nonprofit groups—to fund a wide range of activities including building, acquisition and/or rehabilitating affordable housing for rent or homeownership for low-income persons. HOME Program funds may be used for activities such as, homeowner rehabilitation, new construction, and homebuyer assistance. For PY 2024, the City's HOME allocation is \$548,431.00.

The City has also updated its Citizen Participation Plan for the CDBG and HOME Program grants received annually from HUD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Gainesville's DRAFT 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan Substantial Amendment, 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan and Citizen Participation Plan will be available for a 30-day public review and written comment period, as required by federal regulations. The public review and written comment period begins on Friday, July 12, 2024, and concludes on Monday, August 12, 2024. All interested parties may submit comments on the DRAFT Plans no later than Monday, August 12, 2024. To submit comments, email wachteljs@gainesvillefl.gov, or write to the following postal address:

Department of Housing & Community Development
City of Gainesville
P.O. Box 490, MS 22
Gainesville, FL 32627
ATTN: John Wachtel/ConPlan & AAP Comments

A copy of the DRAFT Plans will be available for public review on the City’s website at <https://www.gainesvillefl.gov/Government-Pages/Government/Departments/Housing-Community-Development/Consolidated-Plan-Information> and during regular business hours at the following locations:

- Housing & Community Dev. Office, 306 NE 6th Ave., The Thomas Center, Bldg. B, Rm. 245;
- Clerk of the City Commission Office, 200 East University Ave., City Hall;
- Downtown Library, 401 East University Avenue;
- Cone Park Library, 2801 East University Avenue;
- Library Partnership, 912 NE 16th Avenue; and
- Millhopper Library at 3145 NW 43rd Street

For more information contact John Wachtel, by email at wachteljs@gainesvillefl.gov, or by telephone at (352) 393-8565.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the City of Gainesville will conduct two (2) public hearings for the Plan. Those public hearings are scheduled as follows:

Date/Time	Presiding Body	Location
Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.	Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development	The Thomas Center, Building B, Room 201 306 NE 6 th Avenue
Thursday, August 8, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.	City Commission	City Commission Chambers, at City Hall, 200 East University Avenue

Citizens are encouraged to attend these public hearings, which are an opportunity to provide input, suggestions and ideas regarding the Plans. The City of Gainesville encourages the participation of all its citizens, especially low-income residents, minorities, non-English speaking persons and persons with mobility, visual or hearing impairments.

The City of Gainesville is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity/Drug Free Workplace Employer. The City of Gainesville is committed to a policy of non-discrimination in all City programs, services and activities, and will provide reasonable accommodations upon request. These public hearings will be held in locations that are accessible to persons with disabilities. To request accommodations for non-English speaking persons, individuals with disabilities, and individuals with hearing impairments, please contact the City of Gainesville Office of Equity and Inclusion at (352) 334-5051 (voice) or (352) 334-2069 TDD; TTY users please call 711.

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