

**CITY OF ARCHER
FFY 2018 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
CITIZEN'S ADVISORY TASK FORCE MEETING**

AGENDA

FEBRUARY 6, 2019 – 6:00 PM

1. Sign-In and Introductions
2. Discussion of the City's FFY 2017 CDBG grant opportunities in the Regular and Economic Development Grant Categories. Summary of categories and eligible project activities.
3. Input received. Comments, questions and discussion of the grant application and community priorities.
4. Adjournment

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Program Overview

The Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program is a competitive grant program that awards funds to eligible cities, counties, towns and villages. An eligible city must have a population under 50,000, and an eligible county must have a population under 200,000.

CDBG Program Objectives

- Benefit low- and moderate- income persons (a minimum of 51%)
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slum or blight
- Other urgent community development needs

Regular Categories and Activities - \$650,000

A local government may apply for only one of these grants and may have only one of these grants open at any given time. There is a set application due date each year; not announced, but expected to be in June 2018, for this cycle. Communities are scored and ranked against other communities applying in the same category.

- **Housing Rehabilitation** – Assists low- and moderate-income residents with physical improvements that address code, safety and other rehabilitation items. In some cases, severely damaged structures may be demolished and replaced.
- **Neighborhood Revitalization** – Assists communities with infrastructure improvements, such as paving, fire protection, drinking water, sewer, flood and drainage, handicap accessibility in public facilities, and other similar activities. It is required that no less than 51% of the residents who benefit from these activities be low to moderate income.
- **Commercial Revitalization** – Provides funds to address improvements to downtown or commercial districts, including water, sewer, sidewalks, parking, building facades, etc. At least 51 of the households in the City must be low to moderate income – Archer is 56.73%.

Economic Development Category – up to \$1,500,000 (Depending on job creation numbers)

A local government can be awarded one new economic development grant every year and there is *no limit to the number of these grants that can be open* at any given time, provided all grants are on schedule. A local government may apply for an economic development grant even if it has an open housing, neighborhood, or commercial grant, provided that grant is on schedule. There is no deadline – funds are awarded on a first come/first serve basis. Funds are awarded based upon the number of jobs the project will create or retain at a ratio of \$34,999 per job, up to \$1,500,000.

These funds are used to build infrastructure necessary to attract new businesses or retain expanding businesses. *Job creation is required*, and at least 51% of the jobs created must be available to low to moderate income persons. (Low to moderate income jobs are defined as positions requiring no more than a high school diploma. If additional training is required, the company must provide this training at no cost to the employee.)

It is important to note that the Economic Development Category requires the participation of a business that is willing to commit to job creation or job retention.

**CITY OF ARCHER
NOTICE OF
CDBG CITIZEN ADVISORY TASK FORCE MEETING**

A Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Citizen Advisory Task Force (CATF) meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 6 at 6:00 PM at Archer City Hall, 16870 SW 134th Avenue, Archer, FL 32618, FL.** During the meeting, CATF members and members of the public will have the opportunity to learn what activities are eligible for the program and discuss what projects may be considered. Members of the CATF will be able to submit comments on the grant application to the City Commission for consideration during the development of the program application. Please contact Charles A. "Tony" Hammond, City Manager at (352) 495-2880 or by e-mail to thammond@cityofarcher.com, if you have any questions.

The meeting 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 the hearing is asked to advise the City at least three days before the hearing by contacting Deanna Alltop, Deputy City Clerk, by phone (352) 495-2880. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the City using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800) 955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800) 955-8770 (Voice).

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