

FIRST PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

El Aviso de la Primera Audiencia Pública está disponible en español en el sitio web de la Ciudad de Webster (<https://www.websterfl.com>).

The City of Webster, Florida is considering applying to the Florida Commerce Department for a FFY 2023/2024 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) combined funding cycle. The City is eligible to apply for funding in the neighborhood revitalization, commercial revitalization, housing rehabilitation, and economic development categories. 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 improvement activities such 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 the Florida Commerce Department, the City of Webster must plan to minimize displacement of persons as a result of planned CDBG activities. In addition, the City of Webster 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 City of Webster's City Council Chamber, located at 85 E Central Avenue, Webster Florida 33597 on Friday, April 4, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. For information concerning the public hearing contact Ms. Deanna Naugler, City Manager, City of Webster, at 85 East Central Avenue, Webster, Florida 33597, by telephone at (352) 793-2073 or by e-mail at dnaugler@websterfl.com.

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: Deanna Naugler, City Manager, City of Webster at (352) 793-2073 or by e-mail at dnaugler@websterfl.com.

Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should contact Ms. Naugler at (352) 793-2073 or by e-mail at dnaugler@websterfl.com 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).

The City of Webster is a Fair Housing/Equal Opportunity/Handicap Accessible Jurisdiction.
