

**Clay County Community Development Block Grant
Annual Action Plan
PUBLIC NOTICE**

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDES NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR FY 2025-2026, ALONG WITH THE 30-DAY PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC MEETINGS. THE PROPOSED ANNUAL ACTION PLAN WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025, AND WILL BE ADOPTED DURING A PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025.

Clay County has completed the Draft FY 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan, which is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order for the County to receive Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The Annual Action Plan is the one-year planning document that describes the amount of CDBG funds expected to be available and the proposed use of those funds for the upcoming CDBG Program year. The Annual Action Plan will be available for public review and comment as set forth below.

THE PLAN DOCUMENT: The Draft FY 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan will be available for review at the County's Website at <https://www.claycountygov.com/community/community-development-block-grant> and at the following locations beginning on June 1, 2025:

Clay County Community & Social Services Office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays at 420 College Drive, Ste 107, Middleburg, FL 32068

Clay County Library Locations listed below between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Monday-Thursday, and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Friday-Saturday.

- Fleming Island Library- 1895 Town Center Blvd., Fleming Island, FL 32003
- Green Cove Springs Library- 403 Ferris Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
- Keystone Heights Library- 175 Oriole Avenue, Keystone Heights, FL 32656
- Middleburg-Clay Hill Library- 2245 Aster Avenue, Middleburg, FL 32068
- Orange Park Library- 2054 Plainfield Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073

Plan Summary: The Annual Action Plan serves as the application of funding for the CDBG Program and describes the activities/projects that will be undertaken during the next fiscal year. Activities/projects are selected for funding in accordance with the priorities established in the County's 2021-2025 CDBG Consolidated Plan and in accordance with the primary objectives of the CDBG Program. Funded activities must serve one of the three CDBG National Objectives: 1) to benefit low- and moderate-income persons, 2) to aid in the prevention or elimination of slum or blight, and 3) to meet a community development need of urgency. The FY 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan includes the activities/projects listed below to be funded under the CDBG Program.

The County's new estimated CDBG entitlement allocation for FY 2025-2026 is \$1,000,000.00

Proposed CDBG project allocations are as follows:

- 1) Administration FY 2025-2026 funding \$150,000.00
- 2) Housing Rehabilitation FY 2025-2026 funding \$150,000.00
- 3) Public Infrastructure FY 2025-2026 funding \$700,000.00

Prior fiscal years funding resources and projects will also be included in the FY 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan and will be available for public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The 30-day public review and comment period is June 1 through June 30. Comments from the public are encouraged and will be accepted during this period at Clay County Community & Social Services Office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays at 420 College Drive, Ste 107, Middleburg, FL 32068. Comments can also be given by calling 904-529-4256 or be sent by email to cdbg@claycountygov.com.

PUBLIC MEETINGS:

Purpose: To announce the Annual Action Plan for public review and comments and obtain public input on the Draft Annual Action Plan.

Public Meeting #1:

Date: Monday, June 9, 2025
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Keystone Heights Historic Pavilion
565 S Lawrence Blvd., Keystone Heights, FL 32656

Public Meeting #2:

Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Middleburg Public Library
2245 Aster Avenue, Middleburg, FL 32068

Public Meeting #3:

Date: Monday, June 23, 2025
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Orange Park Public Library
2054 Plainfield Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing #1:

Purpose: To announce the draft of the Annual Action Plan for consideration.

Date: **Tuesday, June 10, 2025**

Time: 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard
Place: BCC Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building,
477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

Public Hearing #2:

Purpose: To obtain final comments and adopt the Annual Action Plan.

Date: **Tuesday, July 8, 2025**

Time: 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard

Place: BCC Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building,
477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

Non-English-Speaking Persons:

Special arrangements for a translator will be made by the County. A citizen requiring a translator should send a request at least two (2) business days before the event.

Special Accommodations for Persons with Disabilities:

Special arrangements for a sign language interpreter will be made by the County. A request should be sent to the County at least two (2) business days prior to the event. Recorded events will be posted with closed captioning for those hard of hearing.

Access to records/recordings:

A recording of the public meetings and hearings will be made public for those who are not able to attend. Minutes of the public meetings and hearings will also be taken. Citizen input will be summarized and documented in the minutes. The recordings and minutes will be posted on the County's website at <https://www.claycountygov.com/community/community-development-block-grant>.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing accommodations to participate in this matter should contact Clay County Risk Management by mail at P.O. Box 1366, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, or by telephone at (904) 529-4718, no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Deaf and hard of hearing persons can access the telephone number by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955- 8770 (Voice) or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

All interested persons are invited to attend the public meetings or hearings. Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Clay County Board of County Commissioners (Board) with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, hearing, or at any subsequent meeting or hearing to which the Board has continued its deliberations is advised that such person will need a record of all proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of all proceedings is made, which must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.