

**WEBSITE PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Town of Welaka anticipates applying for Rebuild Florida General Infrastructure Program (GIP) funding provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to support long-term mitigation efforts by assisting the State of Florida and its local governments in minimizing or eliminating the risks and reducing losses from future disasters. This program is being administered by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) thru the Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program. A total of four hundred seventy-five million dollars (\$475,000,000.00) in funding has been allocated by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for the Rebuild Florida General Infrastructure Program. The funding will be allocated through three separate funding cycles which will be held over a three-year period with the first funding cycle, to have applications due in DEO on or before September 14, 2020. The amount of funding available in the first GIP application cycle is one hundred fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000.00). Eligible types of projects are those that demonstrate increased community resiliency. Examples of some of the types of projects encouraged by DEO are as follows:

- Restoration of critical infrastructure (such as water and sewer facilities, streets, removal of debris, drainage, bridges, etc.).
- Renourishment of protective coastal dune systems and state beaches.
- Building or fortifying buildings that are essential to the health, safety and welfare of a community (this can include police stations, fire stations, parks and recreational centers, community and senior centers, hospitals, clinics, schools and educational facilities, other public properties).
- Rehabilitation or construction of stormwater management systems.
- Improvements to drainage facilities.
- Reconstruction of lift stations and sewage treatment plants.

Activities that are typically eligible for funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program as well as specific additional activities as outlined in the State of Florida CDBG-MIT Action Plan for the program are eligible projects if no other funding is available to meet the need. Applications are due in DEO no later than September 14, 2020.

The Town of Welaka anticipates submitting applications for the following facilities:

**Sanitary Sewer Collection System & Wastewater Treatment Plant Hardening  
Water Treatment Plant Hardening**

Any resident wishing to know more about the proposed project should contact Ms. Jennifer McDaniel, Town Clerk at (386) 467-9800 or at email ([jennifermcdaniel@welaka-fl.gov](mailto:jennifermcdaniel@welaka-fl.gov)). Information relating to the proposed project and application can also be accessed on the Town of Welaka website located at ([welaka-fl.gov](http://welaka-fl.gov)). Comments from the public must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 11, 2020). All comments will be considered and proposed changes will be submitted to DEO. Information relating to the proposed project and application is available for review between 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 pm and 1:00 PM to 5:00 p.m. at the Town of Welaka, Town Hall located at 400 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Welaka, FL 32193.

Any non-English speaking person wishing to provide a response to this public notice should contact Ms. Jennifer McDaniel, Town Clerk at (386) 467-9800 or at email ([jennifermcdaniel@welaka-fl.gov](mailto:jennifermcdaniel@welaka-fl.gov)) at least five calendar days prior to September 11, 2020 and a language interpreter will be provided.

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**To be placed on the Town of Welaka Website: No later than Friday, August 28, 2020**

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