

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY AND SOLICITATION OF PROPOSALS CITY OF SANFORD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

On October 1, 2013, City of Sanford received \$428,791 for Program Year 2013/2014 in Federal funding from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) for activities that benefit low and moderate income persons/households. The City of Sanford has allocated \$55,000 for economic development activities for Program Year 2013/2014.

Seminole County is accepting application on behalf of the City of Sanford for eligible economic Development activities.

The goal of the program is to provide business owners with financial assistance and technical support that will result in improved access to goods and services in the area, increased revenues and economic development of the area, revitalize and stabilize businesses in Georgetown and Goldsboro neighborhoods to diversify the local economy.

PROJECT CRITERIA:

- Small business located in the Georgetown and Goldsboro neighborhoods of the City of Sanford. The boundaries of Georgetown are defined as follows (*Sanford Ave on the West, 2nd Street on the North, Mellonville Ave on the East and Celery Ave on the South*) and the boundaries for Goldsboro are defined as 18th Street on the South, 2nd Street on the North and U.S. 17/92 on the east and Persimmons Ave to Southwest Road on the west. (Property must be in City limits)
- The for-profit business must be located in the Georgetown and Goldsboro community and have been in business for at least two years.
- Applicant must be current in all financial obligations with the City of Sanford, Seminole County, State of Florida and the Federal government.
- The small business must meet the micro-enterprise definition: have five or fewer employees, one or more who own the business.
- **Applicant must participate in mandatory orientation session.**
- Request for assistance to include
 - o Façade improvements,
 - o Technical assistance that included business plans and/or marketing,
 - o Technology infrastructure upgrades
 - o Building rehabilitation both interior and exterior (Up to 40% of grant can be used for interior renovation)
 - o Equipment (No motor vehicles, personal or portable equipment)
- Maximum grant amount of \$10,000 for Businesses located in commercial or retail space.
- Maximum grant/loan amount of \$5,000 or home based businesses.

On July 14, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., an orientation will be held at the Commission Chambers to provide technical assistance and to answer questions for all interested applicants. Proposals will be accepted by Seminole County Community Development Office based on funding availability. *Faxed proposals will not be accepted.* Proposals will be time-stamped and must be complete. Incomplete proposals will be rejected.

Application forms will be available from the Seminole County Community Services Department, on the County's web page at www.seminolecountyfl.gov; the City of Sanford City Manager's Office or on the City's web page at www.sanfordfl.gov on July 1, 2016.

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