

**UNSPECIFIED SITE STRATEGY
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

August 22, 2023
City of Wewahitchka
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REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about September 29, 2023 the City of Wewahitchka will submit a request to the Florida Department of Commerce (FloridaCommerce) for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development (HCD) Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project to replace damaged existing waterlines within the City limits. The total budget for this project is \$884,085.00.

The *City of Wewahitchka* has determined that the activities proposed in the Unspecified Site Strategy are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) requirements. As eligible sites are located, site specific checklist will be completed prior to the commitment of funds for each unit. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at *City of Wewahitchka City Hall*.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the Environmental Review Record (ERR) to Michael Gortman, City Manager. Additional project information is contained in the ERR on file at City of Wewahitchka City Hall, 211 N. Highway 71, Wewahitchka, Florida and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00A.M to 4:00P.M. All comments must be received by September 8, 2023. Comments will be considered prior to the *City of Wewahitchka* requesting a release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The *City of Wewahitchka* certifies to the Florida Department of Commerce and HUD that *Michael Gortman* in his capacity as *City Manager* consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The State's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the *City of Wewahitchka* to use the CDBG funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

FloridaCommerce will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Wewahitchka certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the *City of Wewahitchka*; (b) the City of Wewahitchka has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the State; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures at 24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76 and shall be addressed to the Florida Department of Commerce, CDBG Program, MSC-400 107 East Madison Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-6508. Potential objectors should contact the *City of Wewahitchka* to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Michael Gortman, City Manager