

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORUNITY, CDBG-MIT GRANT PETTWAY NEIGHBORHOOD CRA WATER AND WASTEWATER PROJECT

Martin County in cooperation with the South Martin Regional Utility (SMRU) located in and owned by the Town of Jupiter Island, is developing an application for the Department of Economic Opportunity, CDBG-MIT grant. The County is seeking input from potential stakeholders and the public on the grant application.

The County is seeking approximately \$7,776,176.00 in funding to install, improve and/or replace existing potable water lines, fire hydrants, gravity sewer lines, lift station upgrades, force main and gate valves, manholes and full road restoration, all located in the Pettway Neighborhood and Hobe Sound CRA. These improvements will allow for the LMI community to connect to water and sewer. Need for this project, established following Martin County BOCC adoption of resolution, to encourage in-fill development and redevelopment in the County's six CRAs by strengthening goals, policies, and objectives in Martin County's Comp Plan. BOCC also adopted new element, Chapter 18, which includes two new future land use designations; CRA Center & CRA Neighborhood, which together will provide improved & strengthen infrastructure to PN after completion. Additionally, County conducted study for septic to sewer, with the effects on water quality. Many of existing septic fields are nearing the end of their effective life, and residents regularly express concerns about poor well water quality. Residents in the community have requested connection to sewer and water to improve their quality of life

This project will mitigate the risks to the protected Community Lifelines of Safety & Security, Food, Water, Shelter, Communication, Transportation, Hazardous Waste and Health and Medical, by providing public potable water distribution, fire suppression, and wastewater collection within Hobe Sound and its Community Redevelopment Area.

These funds must be used for the following purposes: to provide funding to units of general local government (UGLG) such as municipalities and counties, state agencies, non-profits and non-governmental organizations to implement innovative, collaborative, multi-jurisdictional and/or large-scale mitigation activities that reduce previously identified hazard risks for local communities to better withstand emergency-related challenges. These regional investments include, but are not limited to, upgrading of water, sewer, solid waste, communications, energy, transportation, health, and medical and other public infrastructure projects. The County's proposed activities include providing public potable water distribution, fire suppression, and wastewater collection within Hobe Sound and its Community Redevelopment Area (HSCRA). The specific area is known as the Pettway Neighborhood which is within the HSCRA.

The public is invited to provide comments on the Department of Economic Opportunity, CDBG-MIT grant. A draft application has been developed and is available to review by contacting George Stokus, Assistant County Administrator at phone: 772.221.2352 or email: gstokus@martin.fl.us. Written comments may be provided to George Stokus and MUST be received no later than September 14, 2021.

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