

## **NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

January 9, 2026  
Volusia County  
Office of Recovery and Resiliency  
1578 N. Woodland Blvd.  
Deland, FL 32720  
386-943-7029

On or about January 20, 2026, Volusia County will submit a request to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as Ridgewood Flood Mitigation Project (SMA) for the purpose of enhancing the flood resilience of the outpatient rehabilitation center located at 702 South Ridgewood by implementing measures that comply with the elevation and floodproofing requirements specified in 24 CFR Part 55. The scope includes the installation of passive flood barriers at all building entry points. These barriers will consist of flood-resistant doors that operate and appear as standard doors but are engineered to prevent the intrusion of floodwaters without requiring manual deployment. Additionally, the project is designed to ensure the facility's lowest floor and all critical access points are protected to a minimum elevation of 3 feet above the base flood elevation to meet or exceed FEMA and local elevation requirements. Upon completion, the project will deliver long-term flood risk reduction, safeguard essential infrastructure, and support the continued delivery of vital services in accordance with federal and local regulatory standards. Improvements include but are not limited to tasks such as removal of old windows and doors; clearing soil around the base of the building; adding three feet of block and brick to fill windows that previously went to ground level; pouring reinforced columns at each side of window and door openings; waterproof walls from footing to three feet; replace six waterproof doors and window with impact glass and frames that start at three feet elevation; sheetrock and paint; elevating air conditioning and exterior electrical systems by three feet over current placement; and improving general site conditions. The estimated total CDBG-funded amount is \$371,530.00.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at Volusia County Housing and Grants Administration, 121 W. Rich Avenue, Deland, FL 32720 and may be examined or copied on weekdays 8 A.M to 5 P.M.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the address above. All comments received by January 19, 2026, will be considered by Volusia County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

Volusia County certifies to HUD that George Recktenwald, Certifying Officer, in his capacity as County 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. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Volusia County to use Program funds.

### **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and Volusia County's 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 Volusia County; (b) Volusia County 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 or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; 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 (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to either FL\_Webmanager@HUD.gov or the HUD Jacksonville Field Office, 400 West Bay Street, Suite 1015 Jacksonville, FL 32202. Potential objectors should contact HUD at (904) 232-2627 to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

*George Recktenwald, County Manager*