



PUBLIC NOTICE
JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA

**Special Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners
Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**

APRIL 28, 2026

**Fair Housing Workshop – 5:30 p.m.
SECOND PUBLIC HEARING – 6:00 p.m.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 286.0105, all interested persons are advised that the Jefferson County plans to apply to FloridaCommerce for the FFY 2025 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the Neighborhood Revitalization category, under HUD’s Urgent Need National Objective, for grant funding in the amount of approximately \$2,307,100. The activities, dollar amounts and estimated percentage benefit to low- and moderate-income people are as follows:

Activity Name	CDBG Funding Requested	Match Funding	LMI Benefit
Demolition/Repair	\$456,200	-	
New Construction	\$1,374,532	-	N/A
Engineering	\$291,800	-	N/A
Administration	<i>Not to exceed 8% of the total award amount</i>	-	N/A
Total Grant Request	\$2,307,100	-	URGENT NEED

Jefferson County proposes the "Community Resiliency and Safety Project" to be funded through the Florida Small Cities CDBG program under the Urgent Need category. The project addresses the immediate public safety hazard posed by the condemned 1940s-era gymnasium through asbestos abatement, partial demolition, and the repurposing of the site into a safe, covered recreational pavilion. Simultaneously, the project will construct a 2,500-square-foot, 140 MPH wind-rated Emergency Shelter and multi-purpose community space. This facility will provide a critical "Climate Hub" with backup generators to offer heating, cooling, and life-saving shelter for the County’s low-to-moderate income residents during recent extreme weather events and 140 MPH (Category 4) hurricane conditions. This project seeks to eliminate blighted, hazardous conditions while filling a documented void in the County’s disaster preparedness infrastructure.

The County does not expect that anyone will be displaced because of the CDBG funded activities proposed above. If any people are displaced because of the planned activities, the City will assist them as described in the County’s anti-displacement and relocation policy, which is available for review at Administrative Offices located at **435 West Walnut Street Monticello, FL, Monticello, FL.**

A **Public Hearing** to provide citizens with an opportunity to comment on the application will be held on **April 28, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. EDT** in the **Jefferson County Courthouse Annex at 435 West Walnut Street Monticello, FL,**

In conjunction with the second public hearing, a Fair Housing Workshop on local, state, and federal fair housing laws will be held **April 28, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. EDT in the** in the **Jefferson County Courthouse Annex at 435 West Walnut Street Monticello, FL,**

A draft copy of the application will also be available during normal business hours in the County Office by noon on April 24, 2026. Persons wanting to submit written comments on the application should send them to **Ron Russo, Interim County Manager, at (850) 342-0287 or rrosso@jeffersoncountyfl.gov** no later than May 4, 2026.

A copy of the final application will be available for review at the Clerk's Office, no later than May 4, 2026. The application will be submitted to FloridaCommerce on or before May 5, 2026.

The public hearing is being conducted in handicapped accessible locations. Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in the hearing is asked to advise the County at least five days before the hearing.

For more information concerning the public hearing, or to request special accommodation, please contact **Ron Russo, Interim County Manager, at (850) 342-0287 or rrosso@jeffersoncountyfl.gov**. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact Jefferson County using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800) 955-8771 (TTY) or 1(800) 955-8770 (Voice).

Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should contact **Ron Russo, Interim County Manager, at (850) 342-0287 or rrosso@jeffersoncountyfl.gov** at least five days prior to the hearing and an interpreter will be provided.

Cualquier persona que no hable inglés y desee asistir a la audiencia pública debe comunicarse con **Ron Russo, Coordinadora del condado, at (850) 342-0287 or rrosso@jeffersoncountyfl.gov** o al menos cinco días antes de la audiencia y se le proporcionará un intérprete.

Two or more members from County Commission may be present at this meeting.

These meetings are open to the public. Both the fair housing workshop and public hearing are being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, all persons who are disabled and who need special accommodations to participate in this meeting because of that disability should contact **Ron Russo, Interim County Manager, at (850) 342-0287 or rrosso@jeffersoncountyfl.gov** least 48 hours before the scheduled meeting.