CITY OF VALDOSTA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE FY 2022 HUD ENTITLEMENT GRANT

The City of Valdosta is scheduled to receive \$647,095 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as its Entitlement funding allocation under the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Unless otherwise designated concentrated use of funds will be in the Designated Revitalization Area consisting of Census Tracts 0105.00, 106.03-block2, 0108.00, 0109.00, 0110.00, 0113.01, and 113.02. All activities are expected to meet or exceed the 70% overall program benefit to low-and moderate-income citizens. Each activity must meet one of the three National Objectives of the CDBG program. These National Objectives are:

- 1) Provide a benefit to low and moderate income persons,
- 2) Prevent or eliminate slum and blight, OR
- 3) Meet an urgent community need that threatens the health or welfare of residents

Listed below are the various programs and activities that are planned to be carried out in the FY 2022 and the National Objective that each address.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.....\$25,000.00

Continuing Small Business Education and Technical Assistance

Funding will be used to inform, educate and promote economic development in conjunction with the Valdosta Small Emerging Business (VSEB) Program through continuing education opportunities and small business technical assistance. (\$25,000) National Objective is to benefit low- and moderate-income persons and an area benefit for low-moderate income populations

HOUSING.....\$431,176.00

Single Unit Residential Rehabilitation

Funds will be used to offer owner-occupied housing rehabilitation through direct loans and grants to low- and moderate-income homeowners for the rehabilitation of single-family residential structures. An emergency home repair program, minor repair program, major repair program, demolition and lead paint abatement will be conducted by City Staff. *National Objective is to benefit low- and moderate-income persons* (\$431,176.00)

Funds will be used to pay portions or entire salaries, benefits, and administrative costs of Community Development and Finance Department staff in oversight, management, monitoring, and coordination of CDBG programs (\$129,419.00)

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Great Promise Partnership Program Funding

Funding will be used to hire high school students who are eligible participants in the Great Promise Partnership Program. These positions will provide part-time employment hours during the school year and full-time employment hours during summer. (\$50,000) *National Objective is to benefit low to moderate income persons*

Back to School Book Bag Giveaway

The City will hold its Annual Book Bag community event that will supply low-to moderate income families with supplies needed for educational purposes. (\$10,000) *National Objective is to benefit low- and moderate-income persons and an area benefit for*

low – moderate income populations

Neighborhood Action Associations (NAAs)

Funding will be used to assist residents of the neighborhoods in the Designated Revitalization Area (DRA) of the City of Valdosta with organizing formal neighborhood associations. This funding will be limited to \$500 per recognized group for centralized community information systems only (neighborhood boards or hubs). (\$1,500)

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$647,095.00***

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT THE CITY OF VALDOSTA NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPENT DIVISION AT (229) 671-3617

*** Please note allocation amounts may increase or decrease pending the approval of the Congressional budget. All potential additional funds will be programmed into one of the proposed activities.