

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, that on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, at 1:30P.M., at its virtual meeting, the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida, intends to consider the following:

A VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING APPROVAL TO APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY (“DEO”) FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-CORONA VIRUS (CDBG-CV) FUNDING FOR THE BELOW-DESCRIBED PROJECTS:

1. Enhancement of Rowell’s Waterfront Park in Key Largo

In compliance with program requirements, the application have been posted for public comment at the following website: <http://www.monroecounty-fl.gov>

Under the CARES Act, Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) \$5 billion in federal funding has been made available to states to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. In partnership with the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Program, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity will administer the allocated funding to communities throughout the state. The funding will assist low income families and most vulnerable citizens.

CDBG-CV Program Requirements

- Eligible Activities: Acquisition; Public Improvements; Public Facilities; Business Assistance; Microenterprise Assistance; Public Services; Planning; and Broadband Planning and Public Infrastructure.
- COVID-19 Tie: Under the CARES Act, funding is available through the Community Development Block Grant Program for activities which prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic.
- National Objective: Each activity funded by CDBG must meet one of the following HUD required National Objectives:
 - Provide benefit to low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons.
 - Prevent or eliminate slum or blight conditions.
 - Address urgent community development needs, which pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community for which other funding is not available.

Florida’s Total Allocation is \$285.6 million. Of this, Monroe County is eligible for funding within the Small Cities (Non-Entitlement) Community Program, which totals \$42 Million statewide. Monroe County is requesting \$2.5 Million to enhance Rowell’s Waterfront Park in Key Largo to serve as a future infectious disease testing and vaccination site. While Monroe County has testing and vaccination sites in the Middle Keys and Lower Keys, Key Largo currently does not have adequate facilities to host a testing and vaccination site. The residents in Key Largo area have remained significantly underserved during the COVID-19 epidemic. This grant application will help alleviate this urgent need.

The public can participate in the February 17, 2021, meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, FL via Communication Media Technology (“CMT”) using a Zoom Webinar platform by following the detailed instructions below. The public is strongly encouraged to watch the meeting on Monroe County’s MCTV on Comcast Channel 76, AT&T U-verse Channel 99 or on the County’s web portal @ <http://monroecountyfl.iqm2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx>. Simply select the “Watch Live” banner to view the live meeting with live closed-captioning on an integrated page that includes the Agenda and Agenda Backup.

If a citizen has a **Roku** device, they can search for and add “MCTV” to their personal lineup. Monroe County’s “MCTV” is also provided via the Monroe County mobile apps for iOS and Android and through our streaming web portal @ <https://monroe-fl.vod.castus.tv/vod/?live=ch1&nav=live>.

Citizens can listen to audio-only from their phones by dialing (646) 518-9805 or (669) 900-6833 and, when prompted, enter the **Webinar ID** 995 7249 8241 followed by the # key.

The public can comment during the live Public Hearing either by phoning in or by connecting to the *live Zoom* webinar link using the following instructions:

a) **To comment on an item by phone:** Dial (646) 518-9805 or (669) 900-6833 and, when prompted, enter the **Webinar ID 995 7249 8241** followed by the # key, then *9 to “*Raise your Hand*” to be recognized by the Zoom webinar host.

b) **To comment on an item using the *live Zoom* webinar link:** Open this *live Zoom* webinar link at <https://mcbooc.zoom.us/j/99572498241> (that also appears in both the published Agenda and Agenda Packet). When prompted, enter your email address and name to join the webinar. When the Mayor calls for speakers on the item(s) on which you wish to comment, or when the Board is nearing your item(s) as the meeting progresses, select the “*Raised Hand*” feature that appears at the bottom of the Zoom webinar screen to be recognized by the Zoom webinar host.

The Zoom webinar host will request the item # on which you wish to speak and enable your participation when the Mayor calls for public speakers on your item. **To report problems with the broadcast or participation in the Zoom webinar, please call (305) 872-8831.**

Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, notice is given that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at such hearings or meetings, he will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

ADA ASSISTANCE: If you are a person with a disability who needs special accommodation in order to participate in this meeting, please contact the County Administrator’s Office, by phoning (305) 292-4441, between the hours of 8:30 a.m.---5:00 p.m., no later than five (5) calendar days prior to the scheduled meeting; if you are hearing-or voice-impaired, call “711”.

Dated at Key West, Monroe County, Florida, this 9th day of February, 2021.

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KEVIN MADOK, Clerk of the Circuit Court and
ex officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners
of Monroe County, Florida

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