PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Ocala, Florida
City of Ocala Announces Public Comment Period for Updated City of Ocala HUD Citizen Participation Plan (CPP)

The City of Ocala is in the process of updating its Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) and is seeking public input. The Citizen Participation Plan is a document that governs how residents can participate in the development of federal funding strategies, including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). The CPP provides information concerning the Five -Year Comprehensive Plan, Annual Action Plan, and the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report. Additionally, the updated plan outlines how the City of Ocala will engage with residents, particularly low to moderate-income households, to identify local housing and community development needs.

Public Review and Comment Period
The draft Citizen Participation Plan is available for public review for a 30-day period starting Monday February 23, 2026, and ending March 23, 2026. The document can be viewed at:

Website: https://www.ocalafl.org/government/community-development-services.

Physical Location: 201 SE 3rd St, 2nd Floor, Ocala, Florida 34471

Public Meeting #1 (Draft Review): Wednesday March 4, 2026, at 5:00 pm at 201 SE 3rd St, 2nd Floor, Ocala Florida 34471

Public Meeting #2 (Final Draft Review) Wednesday March 11, 2026, at 5:00 pm at 201 SE 3rd St, 2nd Floor, Ocala, Florida 34471

Public Hearing: A Final Public Hearing will be held during the regular City Council Meeting on April 7, 2026, at 4:00pm at City Hall Council Chambers located at 110 SE Watula Avenue, Ocala, FL 34471.

If reasonable accommodations are needed to participate in these meetings, please contact the Community Development Services Department by calling 352-629-8322, a minimum of 48 hours in advance so arrangements can be made.

The public is invited to submit written comments, regarding the Citizen Participation Plan by mailing them to 201 SE 3rd St, 2nd Floor, Ocala, FL 34471 Attn: James Haynes or by emailing

Communitydevelopment@ocalafl.gov. All written comments MUST BE RECEIVED by Community Development Services no later than 4:00 p.m., on March 23, 2026.

Response to Citizen Comments

The public is encouraged to attend and participate in the public meetings and the public hearing. A written response to all submitted comments will be given within 15 days of receipt of all comments. The City shall consider the views of citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties in preparing drafts and final submission, and attaching a summary of such comments as they relate to the plan.

For more information, or to submit comments on the Citizens Participation Plan, please contact Natalia Cox, Grant Specialist, at (352) 629-8322.