FIRST PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
FFY 2019-20 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS

The City of Stuart is considering applying to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO) for one or more Small Cities Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) for up to Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($750,000.00) in the Regular (Neighborhood or Housing or Commercial) Category and in the Economic Development Category for up to one million five-hundred thousand ($1,500,000) or more. These funds must be used for one of the following purposes:

1. To benefit low- and moderate- income persons; or
2. To aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; or
3. To meet other community development needs of a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community

The categories of activities for which these grant funds may be used are in the areas of housing, neighborhood revitalization, commercial revitalization and/or economic development. Specific improvements can include such activities as acquisition of real property, construction of public infrastructure such as roads, parks or sewer mains, rehabilitation of houses and commercial buildings and/or energy conservation. Additional information regarding the range of activities that may be undertaken will be provided at the public hearing. **The City is seeking public input into CDBG eligible needs in the City limits. The categories and options shall be presented to the public and Commission, and public comments heard before the recommendations of staff or consultants may be heard.**

In developing an application for submission to FDEO, the City of Stuart must plan to minimize displacement of persons as a result of planned CDBG activities. In addition, the City of Stuart is required to develop a plan to assist displaced persons.

The public hearing to receive citizen views concerning the community's economic and community development needs will be held at the City Hall, 121 SW Flagler Ave., Stuart, Florida on **Monday, March 23, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.,** or as soon thereafter as possible. For information concerning the public hearing or to submit written comments contact Ms. Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, CRA Administrator, at phone: (772) 283-2532 or email: pgandhi@ci.stuart.fl.us.

NOTICE: A SHORT FAIR HOUSING TRAINING FOR LOCAL OFFICIALS AND THE PUBLIC WILL BE HELD JUST AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING. ANYONE INTERESTED IN FAIR HOUSING IS INVITED TO ATTEND.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), anyone who needs a special accommodation for this meeting should contact the City's ADA coordinator at (772) 288-5306 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting, excluding Saturday and Sunday.

Fair Housing/Disability Access Jurisdiction and Equal Opportunity Employer

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To be advertised March 12, 2020 (or at least 5 days prior to meeting, but no greater than 20 days prior to the meeting, not including the day of the meeting)

PLEASE PROVIDE CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PUBLICATION