

City of Jacksonville, Florida

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CITY CELEBRATES CONTRIBUTIONS OF FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS

The City of Jacksonville will join communities across the nation celebrating National Community Development (NCD) Week, April 1-5, 2024. NCD Week is a week-long campaign that emphasizes both local and national contributions of the Federal Community Block Grant (CDBG) program, now in its 50th year. CDBG is a federal formula entitlement grant awarded annually to the city through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

WHEN: Various Events from Monday, April 1 – April 5 (see details below)

WHERE: Various Locations Throughout Jacksonville

WHAT: NCD Week provides the opportunity to inform decision-makers in Washington, as well as constituents, about the significant role CDBG and other federal grant programs play in helping communities and their residents both thrive and survive.

Since 1975, the City of Jacksonville has received over \$444 million in CDBG funds that have been used to develop and implement a wide range of programs directed toward neighborhood revitalization, economic development and improving community services. In fiscal year 2022-2023, CDBG funds, in combination with other public and private funding sources, provided funds for housing units, public facility improvements to senior centers, youth centers, neighborhood facilities, parks and recreation facilities, and street and sidewalk improvements. CDBG funds also provided assistance to 6,173 residents through public services to include senior services, services for disabled persons, employment services and other health services.

The Housing and Community Development Division of the City's Neighborhoods Department will showcase some of the critically needed programs and services provided through CDBG and will recognize the significant role these programs play in improving the quality of life for the citizens of Jacksonville.

Scheduled Activities:

Monday, April 1, 2024, 11am NCD Week Kick Off and Support Rally Location: Jacksonville Main Library 303 Laura Street, Jacksonville, FL

Local officials and staff will acknowledge the contributions of the CDBG Program to the City of Jacksonville, including the presentation of a proclamation designating April 1-5 as National Community Development Week. Following the kick off, there will be an opportunity to take a tour of the main library and see the various areas that have benefited from CDBG funding.

Tuesday, April 2, time TBD
Episcopal Children's Services Northside Early Learning Center
Agency Tour/Activity
1070 W. 18th Street

Staff will visit the Northside Early Learning Center to interact with classes and tour the facility. A limited number of spots are available to join HCDD staff.

Wednesday, April 3, 9am-11:30am
Feeding Northeast Florida
Mobile Pantry Distribution
Calvary Baptist Church, 4040 Dunn Avenue

HCDD Staff will volunteer at a mobile food distribution event in partnership with Feeding Northeast Florida. A limited number of spots are available to join HCDD staff.

Thursday, April 4, 10am Mental Health Resource Center Agency Tour 11820 Beach Boulevard

HCDD staff will take a tour of the facility and learn about programs. A limited number of spots are available to join HCDD staff.

Friday, April 5, 9:30am-12:30pm Tour of the Beaches Various locations HCDD staff will visit the cities of Atlantic Beach, Jacksonville Beach and Neptune Beach to learn about CDBG services and projects. Through our interlocal agreement with the three beach communities, CDBG funding provides public services to children, families, and seniors, as well as public infrastructure projects. A limited number of spots are available to join HCDD staff.

Friday, April 5
Self-Guided Driving Tour
Various locations

HCDD will provide a tour route to see properties rehabilitated with CDBG funds.