

FAIR HOUSING WORKSHOP

The Town of Welaka is a fair housing advocate. The Town is holding a workshop to explain the Fair Housing Ordinance for all of the protected classes (race, color, familial status, handicap, national origin, religion and sex). The public is invited to attend.

The workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at 6:45 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, at the Town of Welaka Town Hall located at 400 4th Avenue, Welaka, Florida 32193. Any handicapped, visually or hearing impaired person or non-English speaking person needing special assistance at the meeting should contact Ms. Judy Jones, Town Clerk, Town of Welaka at (386) 467-9800 at least five days prior to the meeting and assistance will be provided.

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FIRST PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Town of Welaka is considering applying to the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) of up to Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00). These funds must be used for one of the following purposes:

1. To benefit low and moderate income persons;
2. To aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; or
3. To meet other community development needs of recent origin having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

The categories of activities for which these funds may be used are in the areas of housing, neighborhood revitalization, commercial revitalization, or economic development and include such improvement activities as acquisition of real property, loans to private-for-profit business, purchase of machinery and equipment, construction of infrastructure, rehabilitation of houses and commercial buildings, and energy conservation. Additional information regarding the range of activities that may be undertaken will be provided at the public hearing. For each activity that is proposed, at least 70% of the funds must benefit low and moderate income persons.

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

A public hearing to receive citizen views concerning the community's economic and community development needs will be held at the Town of Welaka Town Hall located at 400 4th Avenue, Welaka, Florida on Tuesday, June 9, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible. For information concerning the public hearing contact: Ms. Judy Jones, Town Clerk, Town of Welaka, 400 4th Avenue, Welaka, Florida 32193. Telephone (386) 467-9800.

The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Any handicapped person requiring an interpreter for the hearing impaired or the visually impaired should contact Ms. Jones at least five calendar days prior to the meeting and an interpreter will be provided. Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should contact Ms. Jones at least five calendar days prior to the meeting and a language interpreter will be provided. Any handicapped person requiring special accommodation at this meeting should contact Ms. Jones at least five calendar days prior to the meeting.

A Fair Housing/Equal Opportunity/Handicap Accessible Jurisdiction.

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