

**NOTICE OF CDBG PUBLIC HEARING FOR DISASTER RECOVERY
INFRASTRUCTURE**

The Town of Wausau is applying for Rebuild Florida General Infrastructure Repair Program funding in the amount of *seven hundred thirty-seven thousand six hundred fifty-two dollars (\$737,652.00)* provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to assist the State of Florida in recovering from the effects of Hurricane Michael the 2018 Storm Event. This funding will be administered by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and can only be used for selected activities that are directly related to the disaster or for disaster mitigation. Activities that are typically eligible for funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program are eligible projects if no other funding is available to meet the need. Applications are due in DEO no later than September 17, 2021.

The Town of Wausau intends to submit two applications for CDBG Disaster Recovery assistance. The first application will provide Town-wide benefit by upgrading the Town's potable water system and the second will upgrade the Town's storm water drainage system in a smaller flood prone area. Both facilities were impacted by Hurricane Michael.

Second Avenue Drainage – The Town of Wausau intends to submit one application which will install updates to the Town's storm water drainage on Second Avenue. The project will replace the existing 48" culverts under the roadway that were undermined during Hurricane Michael and have been further damaged during Hurricane Sally. The joints on the culverts have been leaking and are causing voids under the roadway. The roadway has been patched numerous times in the travel lanes, on the shoulders, and around the headwalls. The proposed improvements would replace the culverts, the headwalls, and replace the base, subgrade, and pavement at the culvert crossing. The voids in the shoulders between the pavement and headwall open up on a regular basis and have to be patched to prevent residents of the town from damaging vehicles or causing accidents. The improvements will increase safety to all of the residents in Wausau.

Project Activities	Project Location or Description	CDBG Funding
Administration	N/A	\$20,377.00
Engineering	N/A	\$43,279.00
Second avenue Drainage Improvements (Includes Program Delivery Fees)	Replace 100 linear feet of Drainage piping and associated and install two concrete headwalls. Make necessary repairs to the road that was damaged by the leaking storm water piping.	\$343,886.00
	TOTAL	\$407,542.00

Potable Water System - The Town of Wausau intends to submit one application which will provide Town-Wide benefit by constructing updates to Well Number Two (2) of the City's Potable Water system. The piping from Well #2, which pumps into the elevated water storage tank, is in poor condition with severe rusting and degradation of the bolts, nuts, and piping after 20 years of being exposed to moisture and use. The generator had to be repaired a number of times after the storm event and if it had failed could have left the Town of Wausau without potable water or water for fire protection. The existing pump for the well is over 20 years old and is a shaft pump that is no longer manufactured and is very difficult (if not impossible) to get parts for when it fails.

Project Activities	Project Location or Description	CDBG Funding
Administration	N/A	\$16,505.00
Engineering	N/A	\$35,056.00
Town-Wide Potable Water System Upgrades, including	Replace 110 linear feet of six-inch pipe from the well pump to the water tower. Replace the 20 year old primary 150 gallon per minute well pump.	\$278,549.00

Emergency Electrical Generator at the Town's Potable Water Well # 2 Project (Includes Program Delivery Fees)	Install a new stationary 50 KW emergency electrical generator and associated components which will replace the existing aging one at well # 2.	
	TOTAL	\$330,110.00

A public hearing to provide citizens an opportunity to comment on the application will be held on Thursday, September 2, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible at the Town of Wausau Town Hall, located at 1607 2nd Avenue, Wausau, Florida 32463.

A draft copy of the application will be available for review at the Wausau Town Hall at that time and will remain available until it is replaced with the final copy of the application submitted to DEO. A final copy of the application will be made available at the Town of Wausau Town Hall, Monday through Thursday between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. no more than five (5) working days after September 17, 2021. The application will be submitted to DEO on or before the application due date of September 17, 2021. To obtain additional information concerning the application and the public hearing, contact Ms. Margaret Riley, Town Clerk, Town of Wausau, Florida, at 1607 2nd Avenue, Wausau, Florida 32463 or by telephone at (850) 638-1781.

Any resident wishing to know more about the proposed project should contact Margaret Riley, Town Clerk, Town of Wausau, Florida, at (850) 638-1781 or by email (townofwausau@bellsouth.net). Information relating to the proposed project and application can also be accessed on the Town of Wausau website located at (**www.wausauflorida.net**). Comments from the public must be no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 13, 2021. All comments will be considered, and proposed changes will be submitted to DEO. Information relating to the proposed project and application is available for review Monday thru Thursday between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the Town of Wausau, Florida, at 1607 2nd Avenue, Wausau, Florida 32463

Any non-English speaking person wishing to provide a response to this public notice should contact Ms. Margaret Riley, Town Clerk, Town of Wausau at (850) 638-1781.or at email (townofwausau@bellsouth.net) at least five calendar days prior to September 2, 2021, and a language interpreter will be provided.

To be placed on the Town's Website: No later than **Thursday, August 26, 2021.**

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