



Islamorada, Village of Islands
Citizen's Advisory Task Force (CATF) Meeting
April 23, 2026 @ 9:30 a.m.
MEETING AGENDA

I. CONVENE THE CATF

Member introductions and CATF Income Verification Form Collection

II. DESIGNATE/ELECT A CATF CHAIR

One member of the CATF should be selected/elected to serve as the chair of the task force. The CATF chair will present the group's recommendation to the Village Council and certify CATF meeting minutes, as needed.

III. CDBG PROGRAM OVERVIEW

A. **Funding Categories** – The Village can apply for CDBG funding in one of these four categories:

1. Housing
2. Neighborhood Revitalization
3. Commercial Revitalization
4. Economic Development

B. **Funding Availability:**

1. Approximately \$22 million in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2025 funding is available across all four program categories.
2. Funding request maximum thresholds have been waived for this current application cycle, though FloridaCommerce has suggested funding request caps of no more than \$3,000,000.

C. **Project Requirements & Uses for Funding**

1. Project Requirements: To be eligible for funding, an activity must meet at least one of the following National Objectives:
 - a) Benefit to Low- and Moderate-Income Persons - at least 51% of the beneficiaries must be low- and moderate-income persons (total household income is at or below 80% of the area's median income);

b) Elimination of Slum and Blight - eliminate conditions of slum or blight as defined by state law and identified by the unit of local government on a spot or area basis; OR

c) Address an Urgent Need - the activity must alleviate a condition that poses a serious and immediate threat to those living in the area. The condition must have occurred within 18 months of application. The unit of local government must demonstrate that it is unable to finance the activity on its own and that other funding is not available.

2. Possible Uses for Funding: The program provides an excellent opportunity for communities to obtain funds for projects that they cannot otherwise afford. CDBG funds can also provide administrative support for local governments that may not have the staffing resources necessary to administer their projects. Examples of CDBG-funded projects include:

- a) Water and Sewer Improvements,
- b) Rehabilitation of Substandard Housing,
- c) Street and Sidewalk Improvements,
- d) Economic Development Activities that Create Jobs for Low- and Moderate-Income People,
- e) Downtown Revitalization, including Facade Improvements, Streetscaping, and Underground Utilities,
- f) Park Facilities and Community Centers, and
- g) Drainage / Stormwater Improvements

IV. CATF MEMBER DISCUSSIONS OF POTENTIAL PROJECTS

Identify and discuss potential projects for the current CDBG funding cycle.

V. CATF RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE VILLAGE COUNCIL

Select project(s) to present to the Village Council as recommendations for a CDBG application submission.