



**Marion County
Board of County Commissioners**

Community Services

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May 14, 2025

Mayor Christine Dobkowski City of Belleview
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Dear Mayor Dobkowski:

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of the upcoming requalification of Marion County for receipt of Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG) as an Urban County for FY 2026-2028. This process takes place every two (2) years. As part of this process, we are required to notify any non-participating incorporated city that do not receive federal CDBG funds as an entitlement.

Non-entitlement cities within an Urban County area have two (2) options for applying for CDBG funds. Option 1 is through the State's Small Cities program. Option 2 is to form an inter-local agreement with the Urban County (Marion County), which must be approved by HUD. Under Option 2, the City would apply to the County for CDBG funds for any eligible project, but would relinquish their ability to apply for Small Cities CDBG funds with the State.

Option 1 does not preclude the County from using CDBG funds to assist individuals who reside within the incorporated areas of the County. Additionally, the City may still participate with the County if they desire to do so within the selection period even though the City chose to remain a non-participating city by contacting the County.

Please respond no later than **May 25, 2025** of your intent to remain a non-participating city or your desire to form an inter-local agreement by checking the appropriate box below, signing, dating and returning this letter to Charles Rich, Program Grants Manager, Marion County Community Services Department.

If you have any questions, you may reach me at: 352-671-8783.

The City of Belleview elects to:

☐ - remain a non-participating City and retain our ability to apply to the State Small Cities program for CDBG funds.

☒ - relinquish our ability to apply for funding through the State's Small Cities program and seek to develop an inter-local agreement with Marion County for use of CDBG funds.

Signature:

Christine Dobkowski

Date:

5/20/2025

Printed Name:

Christine Dobkowski

Title:

Mayor/Commissioner

Respectfully,



Cheryl Martin, Director

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