

City of Coleman, Florida
Second Public Hearing Notice

The City of Coleman plans to apply to FloridaCommerce for an FFY 2025 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) of \$3,000,000 in the Commercial Revitalization category. The activities, dollar amounts and estimated percentage of benefit to low- and moderate-income persons are as follows:

Activity Name	CDBG Funding	LMI Benefit
Administration	\$240,000	N/A
Engineering	\$310,000	N/A
03K. Street Improvements	\$1,100,000	53.8%
03I. Drainage Improvements	\$755,000	53.8%
03F. Open Space, Parks, Playgrounds	\$620,000	53.8%

The City of Coleman requests \$3,000,000 in FFY 2025 Florida Small Cities CDBG Commercial Revitalization funds and will provide \$25,000 in local funds to complete a coordinated commercial-corridor revitalization project centered on the City’s US-301 commercial area and the public open-space asset immediately north of the corridor, J.L. Rowe Park. The total proposed project budget is \$3,025,000, consisting of \$2,475,000 in construction, \$310,000 in engineering, and \$240,000 in grant administration.

All CDBG-funded construction will occur within the City of Coleman, within public rights-of-way or on public property, or within properly secured easements if easements are determined necessary during design. No CDBG funds are proposed for working capital, inventory, supplies, private business operating costs, acquisition, demolition, relocation, or interior commercial rehabilitation.

03K. Street Improvements

The City will complete eligible street and pedestrian-access improvements in the US-301 commercial project area to improve physical access, safety, appearance, and commercial corridor function. The preliminary addressed need includes approximately 1,800 linear feet of corridor-related street, frontage, driveway, shoulder, pedestrian, and safety improvements, subject to final survey, FDOT coordination, and signed/sealed design.

The scope may include milling and resurfacing or reconstruction of deteriorated paved areas that serve the commercial corridor; base repair; driveway apron and access tie-ins; curb, shoulder, and edge stabilization; ADA-compliant curb ramps and pedestrian crossings; pavement markings; signage; limited corridor lighting or conduit where needed for safety; traffic control; and temporary business-access maintenance during construction. The purpose is to restore safe, reliable, and code-compliant public access to Coleman’s commercial corridor and reduce physical conditions that discourage reinvestment.

Because US-301 is a State facility and FDOT has an active US-301 realignment and widening program in the Coleman area, final design must be coordinated with FDOT to avoid duplication,

conflicts, and throwaway work. FDOT's current US-301 project will realign part of US-301 around Coleman, includes roadway widening and multimodal improvements, and has construction sequencing extending into 2027 and beyond.

03I. Drainage Improvements

The City will construct drainage and stormwater best management practice improvements along the US-301 commercial project area to reduce ponding, standing water, pavement edge failure, sediment migration, and stormwater impacts affecting public access to the commercial corridor. The preliminary addressed need includes approximately 1,800 linear feet of drainage service area improvements, including an estimated 1,250 linear feet of storm pipe or culvert, drainage structures, swales, exfiltration or underdrain components, erosion control, ditch grading, outfall stabilization, and sod restoration, subject to final engineering.

The work will emphasize public stormwater BMPs that are feasible within existing public rights-of-way and public property. Potential BMPs include grassed swales, stabilized conveyance, exfiltration or underdrain systems where soils and groundwater conditions allow, inlet protection, erosion and sediment control, and restoration with turf or sod after construction. The goal is to protect the commercial corridor investment, support safe access during and after rain events, and reduce recurring drainage-related maintenance.

03F. Open Space, Parks, Playgrounds

The City will renovate the baseball fields at J.L. Rowe Park as a complementary public open-space activity supporting commercial revitalization of the US-301 area. The park is directly north of the US-301 corridor and functions as a community gathering point that can draw residents and visitors toward nearby commercial activity. The preliminary addressed need includes renovation of two baseball fields and associated public-access improvements.

The scope may include field grading, laser leveling, infield mix, turf restoration, field drainage, irrigation repairs or replacement, backstops, fencing, dugouts, player protection, bleachers, ADA-accessible routes from parking or pedestrian access points, limited lighting/electrical components, signage, and related site restoration.

This project will have townwide benefits.

The City of Coleman does not expect that anyone will be permanently displaced as a result of CDBG-funded activities. If any persons are displaced as a result of the planned activities, the City of Coleman will assist them as described in the City's anti-displacement and relocation policy, which is available for review at City Hall.

A public hearing to provide citizens an opportunity to comment on the application will be held at City Hall, 3502 E Warm Springs Avenue, Coleman, FL 33521, on May 18, 2026, at 6:00 PM. A draft copy of the application will also be available for review during normal business hours at City Hall by noon on May 18, 2026. Persons wanting to submit written comments on the application

should send them to City Finance Manager Akiko Teagle at (352) 748-1017 or by email at ccityhall@cfl.rr.com no later than May 18, 2026.

A copy of the final application will be available for review at City Hall no later than May 19, 2026. The application will be submitted to FloridaCommerce on or before May 20, 2026. To obtain additional information concerning the application and the public hearing, contact City Financial Manager Akiko Teagle at (352) 748-1017 or by email at ccityhall@cfl.rr.com.

The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in the hearing is asked to advise the City at least five days before the hearing by contacting City Finance Manager Akiko Teagle at (352) 748-1017 or by email at ccityhall@cfl.rr.com. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the City using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800) 955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800) 955-8770 (Voice).

Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should contact City Finance Manager Akiko Teagle at (352) 748-1017 or by email at ccityhall@cfl.rr.com at least five days prior to the hearing and an interpreter will be provided.

A Fair Housing Workshop for the public, property owners, housing professionals and local officials to receive information and training materials covering local, state, and federal Fair Housing laws will be conducted at City Hall, 3502 E Warm Springs Avenue, Coleman, FL 33521, immediately following the Public Hearing

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In accordance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Fair Housing Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and other applicable federal and state laws, the City of Coleman ensures that all persons are afforded equal access to its programs, services, and activities.

Any person who believes they have been discriminated against may file a complaint with the City of Coleman or directly with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

For more information, or to request reasonable accommodations, please contact City Finance Manager Akiko Teagle at (352) 748-1017 or by email at ccityhall@cfl.rr.com.