



**NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY  
CITY OF GAINESVILLE  
FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016  
EMERGENCY SHELTER SERVICES  
COLD NIGHT SHELTER PROGRAM  
APPLICATION FUNDING CYCLE**

The City of Gainesville (City), in response to concerns about the number of unsheltered homeless persons living in the Gainesville/Alachua County area, is providing funding in the amount of \$25,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program to support non-profit organizations who provide emergency shelter services including temporary shelter and other support services for homeless persons, during periods of cold weather or other emergencies caused by extraordinary circumstances that threaten the physical health and/or welfare of homeless persons. Priority shall be given to homeless families with children (age 18 years and under) and/or homeless youth (age 18 years and under).

The City is requesting applications from qualified organizations to provide temporary emergency indoor shelter and other support services during the upcoming cold weather months (November 2015–March 2016). In the event of cold weather conditions prior to November 1, 2015, the City may authorize implementation of the Cold Night Shelter Program to ensure assistance is available to homeless children and adults with children.

All applications must demonstrate that temporary emergency indoor shelter and supportive services will be in strict compliance with applicable sections of the City of Gainesville Code of Ordinances, including Sections 30-91(c), (d) and (e), which relate to “residences for destitute people as accessory uses to places of religious assembly” and Section 30-67 (i), which relates to “temporary emergency shelters.” All applications submitted must also demonstrate compliance with the City Manager’s Administrative Procedure regarding the cold night temperature threshold (45° Fahrenheit) at which normally permitted occupancy limits can be exceeded for limited time periods.

The City will award funding for this program to a qualified applicant who provides the most effective use of funds to provide temporary emergency indoor shelter and supportive services for homeless children and adults with children during the cold weather months (November 2015-March 2016). The City will award an ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION (quasi-governmental or non-profit agency with current 501(c)(3) tax exempt status) who submits an application for eligible homeless assistance activities. No application shall be accepted from, nor any contract be awarded to, any applicant that is a nonprofit entity that has not maintained its current corporate status with the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations.

Applications for the Cold Night Shelter Program may be picked up beginning on Monday, October 12, 2015 at the City Housing & Community Development Division office, located at 306 NE 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Room 245, Gainesville, Florida. All applicants must submit **one (1) complete original and five (5) complete copies (a total of six (6) complete applications)**. Applicants must submit applications via hand delivery to the City Housing & Community Development Division office located at 306 NE 6th Avenue, Room 245, Gainesville, Florida. **The deadline for submitting an application is 5:00 PM on Thursday, October 22, 2015.** The City reserves the right to reject any and all applications submitted for funding requests.

For further information, please contact John Wachtel, Neighborhood Planning Coordinator, via email: [wachteljs@cityofgainesville.org](mailto:wachteljs@cityofgainesville.org) or telephone: (352) 393-8565.

*It is unlawful to discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, age, sex, familial status, marital status, national origin, handicap, sexual orientation or gender identity. Americans with Disabilities Act Notice: Upon reasonable notice the City will furnish appropriate auxiliary aids and services when necessary to afford individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in and to enjoy the benefits of a service, program or activity provided by the City. Limited English Proficiency (LEP): It is the policy of the City of Gainesville to provide language access services to populations of persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) who are eligible to be served or likely to be directly affected by our programs. Such services will be focused on providing meaningful*

*access to our programs, services and/or benefits. If any accommodations are needed for persons with disabilities, please contact the City of Gainesville Equal Opportunity Office at (352-334-5051) (voice); or (352-334-2069) (TDD).*

