

*This communication is a solicitation to potential consulting parties for the City of Lake Wales 1<sup>st</sup> Street Streetscape Project.*



## **City of Lake Wales**

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Response Requested By: August 30, 2024

COUNTY: Polk  
MUNICIPALITY: City of Lake Wales  
PROJECT NAME: 1st Street Streetscape

To Whom It May Concern:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded financial support through the Economic Development Initiative (EDI) Community Project Funding (CPF) Program, Federal Grant Number: B-23-CP-FL-0428, for the following project:

In accordance with the Lake Wales Connected Plan, the City of Lake Wales is pursuing the Complete Streets redevelopment of a single block of 1<sup>st</sup> Street within the City's downtown district (zip code 33853). The Project site location will commence 29 feet north of the stop bar on the northern edge of the Park Ave cross street (coordinates: 27.90287, -81.58958). It will extend north approximately 270 feet through the intersection with Orange Ave to terminate at the stop bar on the northern edge of Orange Ave (coordinates: 27.90362, -81.58958). The existing project site is a paved asphalt roadway with concrete sidewalks on either side. There are no historically significant buildings within or along the roadway, and the project site lies outside of the Lake Wales Historic Commercial District as designed by the National Register of Historic Places. Please see the attached location maps and pictures.

The scope of Project includes modifying the size of vehicular travel lanes while retaining parallel parking on the east side of the street. The west side of the street will have a buffered two-way cycle track/multiuse trail with street trees in the planting areas. CPF grant funds will be used for demolition, construction mobilization, sidewalks and curbs, asphalt and striping, permeable pavers, rain gardens, street trees/hanging baskets, and lighting. Construction is at ground level and will take place entirely within the right-of-way. Ground Disturbance will occur up to a depth of five (5) feet for select utility infrastructure trenches and one (1) foot for all other work and will cover an area of approximately 16,200-square feet. The resulting streetscape will maintain pre-redevelopment usage of the area as a roadway with pedestrian infrastructure. Usage of all elements, once constructed, is unlikely to impact cultural resources outside of the proposed project area; therefore, the Area of Potential Effect (APE) for both direct and indirect effects is limited to the footprint of the project area (see enclosed APE map).

HUD is identifying organizations with an interest in the project and its potential to affect historic properties. The purpose of this letter is to find out whether you wish to become a consulting party for this project. Consulting parties have certain rights and obligations under the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations at 36 CFR Part 800. The review process, known as Section 106 review, is described at <https://www.onecpd.info/environmental-review/historic-preservation/> and at <http://www.achp.gov/citizensguide.html>.

By becoming a consulting party, you will be actively informed of steps in the Section 106 process, including public meetings, and your views will be actively sought. If you would like to request consulting party status on this project, please contact Sara Irvine, Special Projects Administrator, at [sirvine@lakewalesfl.gov](mailto:sirvine@lakewalesfl.gov). Ms. Irvine can also be reached at (863) 678-4182 ext. 1188.

In order to become a consulting party, you must respond by August 30, 2024, to request consulting party status. If you do not respond within this time frame, you may request consulting party status in the future; however, the project may advance without your input and you won't have an opportunity to comment on the current steps. If you are requesting consulting party status, we do ask that your organization nominate one representative and an alternate to participate on behalf of the group. People may also participate in the Section 106 process as members of the public.

We look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

Sara Irvine  
Special Projects Administrator  
City of Lake Wales