

**SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

SUBJECT: Section 504 Compliance Policy, Evaluation Plan, Transition Plan, and Grievance/Compliant Procedures for Community Development Block Grant Programs and Projects (Staff recommends approval).

REQUESTED ACTION: Board Adoption of Compliance Policy

Work Session (Report Only)
 Regular Meeting

DATE OF MEETING: 6/26/2012
 Special Meeting

CONTRACT: N/A
Effective Date: _____
Managing Division / Dept: _____

Vendor/Entity: _____
Termination Date: _____
Public Works Division/Facilities Development

BUDGET IMPACT:

Annual
 Capital
 N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: _____

EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT: _____

HISTORY/FACTS/ISSUES:

Under Florida's CDBG program local governments that receive CDBG funding must adopt and implement a local Section 504 Handicap Accessibility policy.

The County was not required to have a 504 policy to apply for and receive the CDBG grant, but now that the grant is awarded, the 504 policy is required. The development of the transition plan began soon after the grant was awarded and has just recently been completed. Now that the grant is awarded, the 504 policy is required. The State of Florida as a recipient of federal funds through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is required under federal law to comply with Civil Rights, which includes Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Local governments as sub recipients of CDBG funds also comply with these federal requirements.

Please see attached narrative from Andy Easton, AICP Andy Easton & Associates for a detailed explanation of this requirement.
