

**REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST AND NOTICE OF INTENT
TO DISPOSE OF REAL PROPERTY IN COMMUNITY
REDEVELOPMENT AREA**

The City of Bartow, on behalf of itself and the Bartow Community Redevelopment Agency, will receive Letters of Interest and proposals from interested parties until 5:00 P.M., Friday, December 9, 2022, at City Hall, 450 North Wilson Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33830 for the following solicitation:

**Formal Request for Letters of Interest
City of Bartow and Bartow Community Redevelopment Agency
East End Cigar Factory Catalyst Area**

Submittals received after this specified time and date, or received at a location other than the Reception Desk at the City Manager's Office, City Hall, 450 North Wilson Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33830 if delivered by hand delivery, will not be taken or considered.

Pursuant to the Community Redevelopment Act of 1969, as amended, and Section 163.380(3)(a) of the Florida Statutes, all interested parties are advised that the City of Bartow and the Bartow Community Redevelopment Agency intend to enter into a contract to sell, lease or otherwise transfer those lands comprising the East End Cigar Factory Catalyst Area, which is defined further in the formal request for letters of interest document, to a private redeveloper or to any person or persons interested in undertaking redevelopment efforts for the site in accordance with the Master Plan of the City of Bartow and the Community Redevelopment Plan Update for the Bartow Community Redevelopment Agency. All interested parties may provide letters of interest and proposals to the City and the Community Redevelopment Agency in response to this request. To be timely received, a letter of interest or proposal must be filed with the City at the address above within 30 days of publication of this notice. The period for filing a proposal or letter expires at 5:00 P.M., Friday, December 9, 2022. All timely received letters and proposals will be considered.

Interested parties may obtain copies of the formal request for letters of interest document, and other pertinent information, at City Hall, 450 North Wilson Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33830, and on the website of the Bartow Community Redevelopment Agency using the web address: <https://www.cityofbartow.net/our-government/community-redevelopment-agency-cra>. It is kindly requested that responses to this solicitation be furnished in general compliance with the specifications identified in the formal request for letters document.

The City and the Community Redevelopment Agency reserve the right to accept such letter of interest or proposal that the City and Agency deem to be in the public interest and in furtherance of the purposes of the Community Redevelopment Act of 1969, as amended, the Master Plan of the City of Bartow and the Community Redevelopment Plan Update for the Bartow Community Redevelopment Agency. In addition, the City and the Community Redevelopment Agency reserve all rights to waive any and all technical informalities in the notice, advertising and proposal process; to reject any and all responses received as not being in the public interest or being in furtherance of the purposes of the Community Redevelopment Act of 1969, as amended, the Master Plan of the City of Bartow, or the Community Redevelopment Plan Update for the Bartow Community Redevelopment Agency; to re-advertise any notice of intent to dispose of real property; and to enter into any agreement, memorandum, contract, or series of contracts that the City and agency may jointly deem appropriate, including any contract for the disposition of some or all of the real property comprising the East End Cigar Factory Catalyst Area, without the need for further public notice or formal notification of intention. Because this is a joint City and CRA project, it is envisioned that no further notifications will be issued or required in the event that a letter of interest or proposal is deemed to be in the public interest and in furtherance of the purposes of the Community Redevelopment Act of 1969, as amended, the Master Plan of the City of Bartow and the Community Redevelopment Plan Update for the Bartow Community Redevelopment Agency.