

## Exhibit A

# **CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE** **ANNUAL ACTION PLAN OF THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN** **(FY 2014-2015)**

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## **PROPOSED HOPWA SUBSTANTIAL PROGRAM** **AMENDMENT (FY 2012-2013)**

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## **NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY: STATE HOUSING** **INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP (SHIP) FUNDS (FY 2014-2015)**

The federal government requires that every year an Annual Action Plan of the Consolidated Plan be submitted to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) before the City can receive certain federal funds. The federal programs included in the DRAFT Annual Action Plan are: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME); Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program; and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA).

The 2014-2015 estimated allocations from HUD to the City for these programs are: CDBG \$1,486,847.00, HOME \$506,413.00 and HOPWA \$7,378,513.00.

The DRAFT Annual Action Plan will be available for public review beginning Friday, May 23, 2014 at the City's Housing and Community Development Office at 700 NW 19th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. Copies of the draft plan can be requested by contacting 954-828-4527.

The City of Fort Lauderdale is considering amending its 2012-2013 Annual Action Plan of the 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan. In accordance with the Substantial Change Policy of the City's HUD approved Consolidated Plans, this change requires a program amendment to the Annual Action Plan of the Consolidated Plans. A change in a Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) as a result of the addition or cancellation of a program or a change in the purpose, scope, location or beneficiary of an activity, requires a program amendment to the Annual Action Plan of the Consolidated Plan. The City of Fort Lauderdale's program amendment and substantial change policy requires Commission Approval and public input at a public hearing after proper notice has been published for a 30-day public comment period.

The City proposes to reallocate approximately \$1.2 million of unspent HOPWA funds from the 2012- 2013 fiscal year to meet the HOPWA deficit for 2014-2015. In the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the City is expected to face a reduction in HOPWA funds of approximately \$930,000. The use of the unspent funds will ensure all current and projected HOPWA needs are met. We anticipate this funding being provided to Broward House, in order to fully fund their Facility Based Housing Program. Additionally, this funding could also be used to fully fund the Tenant Based Rental Voucher Program administered by Broward House and Broward Regional Health Planning Council.

The City will receive written comments on the draft Action Plan and the HOPWA Substantial Program Amendment during the 30-day comment period beginning May 28, 2014 and ending June 27, 2014. All comments must be received in writing. You may email your comments to JonathanBr@FortLauderdale.gov or send them to the City of Fort Lauderdale, 700 NW 19th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311. The City will review and respond to all written documents prior to submission of the Plan to HUD. If you have any questions or would like further information, please call Housing and Community Development at 954-828-4527.

The City of Fort Lauderdale anticipates receiving approximately \$776,453 in FY 2014-2015 SHIP funds to be used in accordance with the FY 2014-2016 Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP). The funds will be allocated as follows:

- Administration - \$ 77,645.30
- Developmental Disability Housing Assistance - \$155,290.60
- Purchase Assistance – \$323,517.10
- Special Needs Barrier Free – \$220,000.00

Upon approval by the City Commission applications will be solicited and/or provided at the Housing & Community Development Office located at 700 NW 19th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311. Once funding becomes available, all applications will be considered on a First Come, First Qualified, First Served Basis (and subject to funding availability).

At the July 8th, 2014 Regular meeting of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission, the Commission will hold a public hearing on the draft Action Plan and HOPWA Substantial Amendment, also will review and issue final approval on the use of SHIP funding. The City Manager and/or Director of Sustainable Development may submit alternate recommendations in certain activities for consideration by the City Commission. The City Commission will consider all recommendations and public input as part of its deliberations. City Commission meetings are held at 6:00 pm in the City Commission Chambers, City Hall, 100 N. Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale.

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act and Florida Statutes 286.26, persons with disabilities needing special accommodations to participate in the City Commission meeting on July 8, 2014 should contact the Office of the City Clerk at least 48 hours prior to the hearing at 954-828-6313 for assistance. Additionally, if you are hearing or speech impaired and need assistance, you may contact the Housing & Community Development Division at: 954-828-5069 (TTD / TTY).