



TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: July 7, 2015

TITLE: Public Hearing to Approve a Substantial Amendment to the Annual Action and Consolidated Plans of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission convene a public hearing to receive input and approve a Substantial Amendment to the 2012-2013, 2013-2014 and the 2014-2015 Annual Action Plans of the 2010-2015 Consolidated Plans in the amount of \$289,040.00.

Background

The Substantial Change Policy of the City’s Housing and Urban Development (HUD) approved Consolidated Plans requires a program amendment to the Annual Action Plan of the Consolidated Plans if the addition or cancellation of a program or a change in the purpose, scope, location or beneficiary of an activity occurs. This type of change 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.

Staff proposes to use program income, uncommitted funds and unused funds that have expired under other CDBG agreements to fund these requests. The reallocation of CDBG funds is recommended for the following projects and activities that will assist the Housing and Community Development (HCD) Division in meeting the City’s federal spending requirements. To support the spending plan, staff is proposing the following amendments:

Allocate CDBG Funds FROM:

CD132059 - Homeless Prevention	\$ 29,342.48
CD14TBD - FY 13/14 Uncommitted Funds	\$ 239,814.20
CD15PI - Program Income	\$ 19,883.32
TOTAL	\$ 289,040.00

Re-Allocate CDBG Funds TO:

Housing Rehabilitation	\$ 239,040.00
Comprehensive Homeless Strategy	\$ 50,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 289,040.00

Housing Rehabilitation

Funds are used to make minor and/or emergency repairs which include but are not limited to: plumbing, roofing, electrical, and structural repairs to homes occupied by income eligible homeowners. Rehabilitation assistance is also available to assist non-profit owners of single and multi-family properties, serving eligible clients.

Emergency Repairs are items that address conditions that are an immediate threat to the health, safety and welfare of the occupants. For emergencies (i.e. the condition to be corrected must require an “emergency action necessary to safeguard against imminent danger to human life, health or safety, or to protect property from further structural damage). A good rule of thumb is that if the condition is not urgent enough to require action within the next 24 to 48 hours, it is not an emergency.

Assistance may also be provided to pay for required homeowners, windstorm, and flood insurance for up to two years, as part of the emergency repair/rehabilitation process. Any illegal nonconforming structures (those built without a permit) that are found during the work write-up and/or assessment must be addressed before other home repairs are considered. These structures must be brought into compliance with the current Code or demolished as part of the emergency repair / rehabilitation process.

Comprehensive Homeless Strategy

This is a collaborative activity where the City will provide funding to organizations to support homeless food service operations in compliance with applicable City ordinances. This initiative continues the Comprehensive Homeless Strategy to ending homelessness in Fort Lauderdale as it expands the opportunities to engage the homeless and connect them with services that may enable them to acquire housing, treatment, job training, and other services.

Resource Impact

CDBG funds have already been appropriated by the City and we are allocating program income and re-allocating the unused CDBG funds. This CAM has no fiscal impact to the general fund. Funding will be reallocated as follows:

FUNDS AVAILABILITY LOCATION:

<i>Funds available as of June 10, 2015</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER/ INDEX CODE	INDEX NAME (Program)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code)	AMOUNT
108-CD132059 8001	HOMELESS PREVENTION BROW. CNTY FAM CTR	GRANT SERVICES / PROGRAM FUNDS	\$29,342.48	\$29,342.48	\$29,342.48
108-CD14TBD 8001	CDBG FY 13/14 UNCOMMITTED FUNDS	GRANT SERVICES / PROGRAM FUNDS	\$239,814.20	\$239,814.20	\$239,814.20
108-CD15PI 8036	CDBG PROGRAM INCOME 2014-15	GRANT SERVICES / PROGRAM INCOME	\$19,883.32	\$29,579.93	\$19,883.32
AMENDMENT TOTAL ►					\$ 289,040.00

FUNDS ALLOCATED TO:

ACCOUNT NUMBER/ INDEX CODE	INDEX NAME (Program)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code)	AMOUNT
FD108-CD14TBD- 8001	CDBG HOUSING REHABILITATION	GRANT SERVICES / PROGRAM FUNDS	\$239,040.00	\$239,040.00	\$239,040.00
FD108-CD14TBD- 8001	COMPREHENSIVE HOMELESS STRATEGY	GRANT SERVICES / PROGRAM FUNDS	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
AMENDMENT TOTAL ►					\$ 289,040.00

Strategic Connections

This item corresponds to the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative; it is included within the Neighborhood Enhancement Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 5: Be a community of strong, beautiful, and healthy neighborhoods.
- Objective 2: Ensure a range of housing options for current and future neighbors.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision Plan 2035*: We are community.

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – Advertisement of Public Hearing

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