

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
DRAFT CONSOLIDATED PLAN
(2015-2020)**

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**DRAFT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN OF THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN
(FY 2015-2016)**

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**PROPOSED CDBG SUBSTANTIAL PROGRAM AMENDMENT
(FY 2012-2013 and 2013-2014)**

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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 2015-2016)**

Every five years, the City of Fort Lauderdale is required to submit its Consolidated Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order to continue receiving funding for the City's Entitlement Grant Programs. The Consolidated Plan provides direction for the City's use of funds under the following programs:

- HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME);
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); and
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA).

The purpose of the Consolidated Plan is to identify community, economic and housing development needs, and to develop strategies and goals to address those needs with anticipated funding from HUD federal programs over the next five years.

Each year, the City of Fort Lauderdale is required to submit an Annual Action Plan to HUD in order to receive funding for the City's Entitlement Grant Programs. Congress has released preliminary entitlement allocations for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. The 2015-2016 estimated allocations from HUD to the City for these programs are:

HOME	\$ 453,289.00
CDBG	\$ 1,470,707.00
HOPWA	\$ 6,979,511.00

The draft Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan will be available for public review 30-day comment period beginning June 3, 2015 and ending July 2, 2015 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 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 Annual Action Plans of the 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. 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. To support the spending plan, staff is proposing the following amendments:

Allocate CDBG Funds:

TO:		
• Housing Rehabilitation		\$ 239,040.00
• Comprehensive Homeless Strategy		\$ 50,000.00

The City of Fort Lauderdale is considering amending 2012-2013 Annual Action Plans of the 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) program. In accordance with the Substantial Change Policy of the City's HUD approved Consolidated Plan, any change in HOPWA assisted activity 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. We propose to amend 2012-2013 HOPWA funds as follows:

REALLOCATION of FUNDS FROM:

	Fiscal Year	Amount
HP13TBD	2012-2013	\$ 250,000.00
TO:		
BROWARD HOUSE for Rehabilitation	Fiscal Year 2014-2015	\$ 74,000.00
BROWARD HOUSE for 8 PBR units	2015-2016	\$ 80,000.00
MODCO for Rehabilitation	2014-1015	\$ 96,000.00
Total		<u>\$ 250,000.00</u>

The proposed amendments as requested by the Fort Lauderdale City Commission would reallocate funding to Broward House and Mount Olive Development Corp (MODCO).

The City will receive written comments on the draft Action Plan, draft Consolidated Plan, CDBG Program Amendment and the HOPWA Substantial Program Amendment during the 30-day comment period beginning June 3, 2015 and ending July 2, 2015. 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 \$1,573,528.00 in FY 2015-2016 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 – \$157,352.80
- Purchase Assistance – \$550,000.00
- Special Needs Barrier Free – \$157,352.80
- Homeless Prevention Strategy – \$157,352.80
- Housing Rehabilitation / Replacement Program – \$551,469.60

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 7, 2015 Regular meeting of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission, the Commission will hold a public hearing on the draft Consolidated Plan, Action Plan, CDBG Program Amendment 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 federal regulations, the City is hereby establishing a 30-day public comment period to receive input on the proposed amendment to its Annual Action Plans of the Consolidated Plan. Comments on the proposed change(s) may be submitted to the City of Fort Lauderdale, Housing & Community Development Division, 700 NW 19th Ave., Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33311. Public comments on these items will be accepted during the 30-day public comment period from June 3, 2015 to July 2, 2015. All comments must be received by July 2, 2015. The City will evaluate all comments received during the comment period, and the final amendment will be submitted to the Commission at a public hearing on July 7, 2015. Public input will also be accepted at this public hearing on this amendment. A copy of the final amendment will be available for public review at the Community Development Division at the above address during regular office hours. At the close of the public hearing, the City Commission will consider a motion approving the program amendment to the Annual Action Plans of the Consolidated Plans.

Commission meetings are held in the City Commission Chambers in City Hall located at 100 North Andrews Avenue at 6:00 p.m. Prior to that meeting, if you would like more information on the nature or location of the projects affected, or if you would like to comment on the proposed changes during the public comment period, you should contact the Housing & Community Development Division, 700 NW 19th Ave., Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33311 at (954) 828-4527 or TTD/TTY (954) 828-5069.