



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
City Commission Agenda Memo  
REGULAR MEETING**

**#22-1069**

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

**FROM:** Greg Chavarria, City Manager

**DATE:** December 6, 2022

**TITLE:** Public Hearing and Motion Amending the 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan for  
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – (**Commission District 3**)

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission hold a public hearing and amend the 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant to reprogram CDBG public services funds in the amount of \$21,344 forfeited by the Delta Education and Life Development Foundation, Inc (“DELTA”) and award those funds to Habitat for Humanity Broward (“Habitat”) to conduct first-time homebuyers education and training classes.

**Background**

On June 15, 2021 the City Commission approved CDBG Public Service funding for DELTA in the amount of \$21,344. The City entered into a participation agreement with DELTA dated October 1, 2021 to operate a Youth Mentorship Program to mentor youths from low-income households. DELTA faced challenges with program enrollment and income documentation due in part to the COVID-19 pandemic. As such, DELTA communicated to the City that it is in DELTA’s best interest to forfeit the FY 2021-2022 CDBG funding and re-apply at a later date.

The Community Service Board (CSB), at its meeting held on October 10, 2022, recommended City reprogram and award the funds to Habitat to conduct first-time homeowner education and training.

Habitat’s Homeowner Services provides education, counseling, and support to Low and Moderate Income (LMI) applicants to successfully navigate the road to first-time homeownership. Services offered result in a comprehensive positive outcome to participating families and our community. To do this, the Homeowner Services program conducts community outreach, homebuyer qualification and selection, homeowner/youth education, financial and life skill counseling, and closing and post-closing support. These elements collectively create a platform for the successful transition of families eager for the opportunity to own their own home. Perhaps, most importantly, the program removes barriers LMI families face in understanding and navigating the home-buying process, obtaining an affordable home mortgage, and achieving the economic empowerment successful,

permanent homeownership delivers.

The program will serve up to twenty four (24) eligible low-income, first-time homebuyers in Fort Lauderdale.

**Resource Impact**

This will not have fiscal impact on the general funds budget.

**Source**

<i>Funds available as of November 1, 2022</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-108-9300-554-80-8001-22CD2616	Housing and Community Development Grant	DSD02 - Housing and Community Development Grant Operations	\$21,344.00	\$21,344.00	\$21,344.00
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ►</b>					\$21,344.00

**Use**

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<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ►</b>					\$21,344.00

**Strategic Connections**

This item is a 2022 Top Commission Priority, advancing the Homelessness and Housing Opportunities.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically 12/06/2022 CAM #22-1069

advancing:

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- Goal 4: Build a thriving and inclusive community of neighborhoods
- Objective: Ensure a range of affordable housing options

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are Community, and We Are Prosperous.

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- The Housing Element
- Goal 1: The Comprehensive Plan shall support the provision of adequate sites for future housing, including affordable workforce housing

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Amendment 1 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan

Exhibit 2 – DELTA's Forfeit email

Exhibit 3 – Public Notice

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