



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

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

**DATE:** December 2, 2014

**TITLE:** Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Substantial  
Amendment

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### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission convene a public hearing to receive input and approve the Substantial Amendment to the 2013-2014 and the 2014-2015 Annual Action Plans of the 2010-2015 Consolidated Plans in the amount of \$400,374.02.

### **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 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 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. Additionally, staff recommends that these funds be retroactive to October 1, 2014.

Staff proposes to use program income and unused funds that have expired under other CDBG agreements to fund these requests. Each of the agencies and projects being recommended will increase the number of neighbors to be served and it will assist the City in meeting its CDBG spending requirements by the August 2, 2015 deadline.

### **Mt. Bethel Human Services**

\$120,000 in CDBG funds would be used to assist 30 low-income Fort Lauderdale families who meet prescribed criteria a voucher program to provide affordable childcare assistance for care of children between ages of 0 – 11 years of age, by the end of the fiscal year.

## **Housing Opportunities, Mortgage Assistance, & Effective Neighborhood Solutions, Inc. (H.O.M.E.S. Inc.)**

H.O.M.E.S., Inc. is requesting \$74,000 to support their Supportive Housing and Self Sufficiency Program for Aged Out Foster and Relative Care Youth. Tier one of the program provides affordable, safe and decent housing for 23 young people aged out of foster and relative care. Tier two is the Self Sufficiency Training Program will serve 10 – 15 clients. This program provides services to at risk youth to prevent homelessness.

## **Neighborhood Capital Improvement Project (NCIP)**

\$35,000 in CDBG funds will be utilized to address Neighborhood Capital Improvement Program (NCIP), Public Works projects. The project NCIP project is for Palm Aire neighborhood and funds will be expended this fiscal year.

## **Single Family Rehabilitation**

\$100,000 in CDBG funds will be used to make plumbing, roofing, electrical, fencing and structural repairs to homes occupied by income eligible homeowners. The rehabilitation is open for all eligible households throughout the City; however, we anticipate expending the funds in the Palm Aire neighborhood within the next two fiscal years.

## **Jack & Jill Children's Center**

The early childhood education program focuses on enabling children to grow physically, emotionally, and socially in a safe, caring environment using age-appropriate methods of cognitive growth. The comprehensive parent program is designed to strengthen at-risk families by providing intensive parent education, support services, and individual and family therapy. On Monday, November 17, 2014 the Community Services Board recommended funding this agencies additional funding request \$10,000. As a result of the additional funds, Jack & Jill will serve an additional 2 – 3 clients.

## **Women In Distress (WID)**

WID will address the critical needs of domestic violence victims – emergency shelter, food, clothing, transportation and medical assistance in an environment where they can recover from the traumatic effects of victimization. As families work on rebuilding their lives, they are provide with individual counseling and support groups that will all them to being to heal in a safe setting. On Monday, November 17, 2014 the Community Services Board recommended funding this agencies additional funding request \$36,834.35. As a result of the additional funds, WID will serve a total of 100 clients (*50 adults and 50 children*) and provide 838 Emergency Shelter Nights to those clients.

## **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 November 25, 2014</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER/ INDEX CODE	INDEX NAME (Program)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code)	AMOUNT
108-CD14PI-8034	CDBG Program Income 2012/13	Grant Services/ Program Income 12/13	\$ 221,902.29	\$ 221,902.29	\$221,902.29
108-CD142115-8001	Legal Aid Service of Broward County (unspent funds)	Grant Services/ Program Funds	\$ 14,042.38	\$ 14,042.38	\$ 14,042.38
108-CD142113-8001	Broward County Minority Builders Coalition (unspent funds)	Grant Services/ Program Funds	\$ 35,595.00	\$ 35,595.00	\$ 35,595.00
108-CD142107-8001	CDBG Rehabilitation Administration	Grant Services/ Program Funds	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 32,000.00
108-C564 (Fiscal Year 14-15 Allocation)	Broward County Family Success Division	Grant Services/ Program Funds	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
108-CD142111-8001	Housing Authority – Step Up	Grant Services / Program Funds	\$ 46,834.35	\$ 46,834.35	\$ 46,834.35
<b>AMENDMENT TOTAL ►</b>					<b>\$400,374.02</b>

**FUNDS ALLOCATED TO:**

ACCOUNT NUMBER/ INDEX CODE	INDEX NAME (Program)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code)	AMOUNT
TBD	NCIP	Grant Services/ Program Funds	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
108-CD152207-8004	Mt. Bethel Human Services	Grant Services/ Program Funds	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 120,000.00
108-CD152209-8004	H.O.M.E.S. Inc.	Grant Services/ Program Funds	\$ 74,000.00	\$ 74,000.00	\$ 74,000.00
TBD	Rehabilitation	Grant Services/ Program Funds	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
108-CD152210-8004	Women In Distress	Grant Services/ Program Funds	\$ 36,834.35	\$ 36,834.35	\$ 36,834.35
108-CD152211-8004	Jack & Jill Children's Center	Grant Services/ Program Funds	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
<b>AMENDMENT TOTAL ►</b>					<b>\$ 400,374.02</b>

**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 **Neighborhood Enhancement**:

- **Goal 5:** Be a community of strong, beautiful, and healthy neighborhoods.
- **Option 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.*

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Published Program Amendment Ad

Exhibit 2 – Public Comments

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