



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#17-0851

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

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

DATE: July 11, 2017

TITLE: Approval to Accept Grant HL093 from the State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) to Provide Rapid Rehousing Financial Assistance for Persons and Families Experiencing Homelessness in Fort Lauderdale in the Amount of \$400,000

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a motion authorizing the City Manager to accept Grant HL093 from the State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and execute the grant agreement in substantially the form attached subject to City Attorney review and approval and any documents associated with the Rapid Rehousing Program that expands Fort Lauderdale's efforts to provide a comprehensive homeless strategy that leverages resources and unifies a collaborative effort to ending homelessness in Fort Lauderdale in the amount of \$400,000 effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

Background

On August, 16, 2016 the City Commission approved accepting and entering into a grant agreement with the State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and the execution of any documents associated with the Rapid Rehousing Program providing short- or medium-term housing assistance to homeless neighbors. The program incorporates the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Rapid Rehousing model standards while bridging street outreach, local homeless assistance centers, and continuum of care services. The program provides a variety of assistance, such as short-term or medium-term rental assistance, including utility deposit assistance, and appropriate support services with case management to help homeless individuals/families achieve self-sufficiency.

To continue the City of Fort Lauderdale Rapid Rehousing program, the State of Florida Legislature via 2017-2018 General Appropriations Act, line 2224M, appropriated \$400,000 to the City of Fort Lauderdale. The Rapid Rehousing Program is consistent with the Florida Council on Homelessness recommendations for reducing homelessness in the State as well as the Federal Government's Opening Doors plan to prevent and end homelessness. The funding will not only support the homeless within

Fort Lauderdale; it will also serve as an additional financial match that will aid in securing additional funding for homeless initiatives from the U.S. Housing and Community Development Department (HUD) and community partners. This project supports the Broward County Continuum of Care Plan to End Homelessness as one of the single most important interventions in the fight to end homelessness. According to the 2017 Point in Time Homeless Count there were 1,493 homeless persons living in shelters and 957 homeless persons living on the street, unsheltered throughout Broward County. The majority of the unsheltered population lives on the streets are in Fort Lauderdale. This program will provide time limited housing solutions for no less than 52 homeless individuals/families residing in Fort Lauderdale through service providers, leveraged partnerships and a \$100,000 match from the City of Fort Lauderdale.

This 2017 Agreement with DEO is identical to the prior year agreement except for a decrease in funding.

Resource Impact

There is a positive fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$400,000 which will allow for project implementation in FY 2017. The grant is matched 25% (\$100,000) with an outcome yield of \$500,000. Matching funds are identified in the FY 2017 operating budget. This item is contingent upon the approval of the Consolidated Budget Amendment CAM 17-0703.

SOURCE:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
129-GHMLESS17-D414	Housing Assistance to Homeless-Rapid	Intergovt Revenue/FL Dept of Economic Opportunity	\$0	\$0	\$400,000.00
				TOTAL →	\$400,000.00

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129-GHMLESS17-3299	Housing Assistance to Homeless-Rapid	Services/ Materials/ Other Services	\$0	\$0	\$120,000.00
129-GHMLESS17-3322	Housing Assistance to Homeless-Rapid	Services/ Materials/ Other Facility Rental	\$0	\$0	\$260,000.00
129-GHMLESS17-3601	Housing Assistance to Homeless-Rapid	Services/ Materials/ Electricity	\$0	\$0	\$10,000.00
129-GHMLESS17-3216	Housing Assistance to Homeless-Rapid	Services/ Materials/ Costs/ Fees/ Permits	\$0	\$0	\$3,500.00
129-GHMLESS17-3946	Housing Assistance to Homeless-Rapid	Services/ Materials/ Tools/ Equip < \$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,000.00
129-GHMLESS17-3925	Housing Assistance to Homeless-Rapid	Services/ Materials/ Office Equip < \$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$4,500.00
			TOTAL →		\$400,000.00

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Commission Annual Action Plan* priority, included within the Policy Agenda, advancing the Comprehensive Homeless Strategy.

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Public Places Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 3: Be a community that finds opportunities and leverages partnerships to create unique, inviting and connected gathering places that highlight our beaches, waterways, urban areas, and parks.
- Objective 5: Work with partners to reduce homelessness by promoting independence and self-worth through advocacy, housing, and comprehensive services.
- Initiative 2: Implement a comprehensive short and long-term strategy with community partners to address homelessness.

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

Related CAM(s):

#17-0703

Attachment(s)

Exhibit 1 – State Rapid Rehousing Contract

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