



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

#22-0566

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: June 21, 2022

TITLE: Public Hearing Amending the Housing and Community Development and
2019-2020 Amended Annual Action Plan for Community Development
Block Grant Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act (CDBG-
CV) - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission convene a public hearing to receive public input and approve an amendment to the 2019-2020 Amended Annual Action Plan to repurpose unused funds from the Emergency Business Investment Program in the amount of \$250,000.

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 Plan if there is an addition, cancellation, or change in the scope of an activity.

In response to the economic hardship on families and individuals, the US Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act under which the City received a first-round allocation of \$934,515 of CDBG-CV funds in response to the COVID 19 crisis.

On June 16, 2020, the City approved the Fort Lauderdale Emergency Business Investment Program that was funded, in part, by CDBG-CV funds not to exceed \$500,000 via CAM 20-0406 (Exhibit 1). The program ended with a balance of \$250,000 after serving all eligible business applicants.

Staff recommends the unused funds be repurposed to expand the Education Enrichment Program to bridge the gap for learning loss attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic. Funds will enrich the traditional Parks and Recreation summer camps through academic staffing, curriculum, and enhanced internet connectivity at community center locations.

The Education Enrichment Program addresses the disparate learning impact of COVID-19 by providing summer educational enrichment activities to low-income children at risk of falling further behind during the summer. The project replicates the success of the 2021 grant-funded program wherein 85% of campers maintained or improved their percentile rank in literacy and 78% in math; 88% of campers surveyed said they learned something new over the summer; and 97.9% indicated they had fun with their teacher over the summer.

Resource Impact

There will be no fiscal impact associated with this action, the funding is currently available in the grant account listed below.

<i>Funds available as of May 15, 2022</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
108-CCD202532-8001	CD-CVD HUD CARES-EBIP	Grant Services/ Program Funds	\$400,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00
				TOTAL AMOUNT →	\$250,000.00

Strategic Connections

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- Goal 4: Build a thriving and inclusive community of neighborhoods.
- Objective: Create a continuum of education services and support

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - CAM 20-0406

Exhibit 2 - Public Notice for Comment Period

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