



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

**FROM:** Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

**DATE:** June 4, 2024

**TITLE:** Public Hearing Approving the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Housing and  
Community Development Annual Action Plan - **(Commission Districts  
1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission convene a public hearing to get public input for the 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan. The Commission may approve the funding allocation as proposed by the Community Services Board (CSB) or approve an amended version and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents, amendments, and agreements associated with each entitlement funding source for submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

### **Background**

Annually, the City is required to submit an action plan associated with the five-year consolidated plan for 2020-2024. The consolidated plan provides a comprehensive strategy of how the City will utilize entitlement funding to address housing, economic, social and community development needs. The attached annual action plan identifies specific activities with associated funding amounts that are designed to achieve the goals identified in the consolidated plan.

The funding amounts contained in the 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan are projected amounts based on prior year's funding and are subject to change once the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) published the final awards for 2024-2025.

The annual action planning process serves as the framework that has been established based on community-wide dialogues. These dialogues identify commission top priorities that align with the consolidated plan and support the HUD national objective for: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program. Exhibit 2 provides a comprehensive outline of the community organizations to be funded, the proposed funding amount and a brief description of the program and services to be provided.

The Community Services Board is responsible for reviewing and ranking the Community

Development Block Grant, (CDBG) public services activities. A rubric is provided with the scoring criteria for each board member. The scores of each board member are collected and averaged to determine the ranking of each applicant. The rankings were as follows with 1 being the highest and 4 being the lowest.

Applicant	Rank	CSB Final Award
Broward Partnership for the Homeless, Inc (BPHI)	1	\$49,723.40
Jack and Jill Children’s Center, Inc	2	\$45,931.40
Women In Distress of Broward County, Inc (WID)	3	\$39,723.40
South Florida Institute on Aging, Inc (SoFIA)	4	\$49,723.40

After discussion of the ranking, the CSB board voted to award SoFIA a higher amount than WID despite WID ranking higher than SoFIA. The Board’s deliberation of the ranking is reflected in the April 8, 2024, CSB minutes attached as Exhibit 4.

Women In Distress will be requesting the commission to amend the award recommendation based on the applicants ranking.

The initial funding recommendation made by the CSB was based on projected funding amounts. Upon receiving the actual funding amounts from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) the funding recommendations were adjusted accordingly.

**Resource Impact**

These activities are funded with entitlement grant funds received from HUD.

**Strategic Connections**

This item is a *2024 Top Commission Priority*, advancing Housing Accessibility initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Housing Focus Area, Goal 2: Enable housing options for all income levels.

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 – 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan
- Exhibit 2 – Public Notice
- Exhibit 3 – FY2024-Formula-Allocations-All-Grantees

Exhibit 4 – April 8, 2024, CSB Meeting Minutes

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