



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

#20-0545

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, City Manager

DATE: August 18, 2020

TITLE: Public Hearing Approving the Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2020-2021
– **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4)**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve, the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents associated with each plan 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 consolidated plan. The consolidated plan provides a comprehensive strategy of how the City will use entitlement funding to address housing, economic, and community development needs. The annual action plan identifies specific activities that will be undertaken with federal entitlement funding in each fiscal year to achieve the goals established in the consolidated plan.

The annual action planning process serves as the framework that has been established based on community-wide dialogues. These dialogues identify housing and community development priorities that align with the City's comprehensive 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.

The Proposed 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan (Exhibit 1) provides details on the activities to be undertaken with each grant source and the community agencies that are funded to carry out each activity.

Additionally, the waivers and flexibilities provided under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, & Economic Security Act (CARES Act) are applicable to Fiscal Year 2020-2021. The City has notified HUD of its intent to utilize these waivers and subsequently utilized the minimum 5-day comment period by placing a public notice and allowing for a 7-day comment period. There were no written comments received during the comment period.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund. The federal grant will reimburse the City for the funding expended on eligible activities.

Strategic Connections

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

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- Goal 4: Build a thriving and inclusive community of neighborhoods.
- Objective: Affordable Housing incentives

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision Plan 2035*: We are here.

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - Proposed Annual Action Plan

Exhibit 2 - Advertisement of Public Notice

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