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

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

**DATE:** July 7, 2015

**TITLE:** Public Hearing Approving Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Entitlement Grant Programs through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission determine the allocations for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, HOME Investment Partnership Program, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) Program. Further, it is recommended that the City Manager be authorized to execute the necessary documents associated with the Annual Action Plan and its submittal to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by August 15, 2015.

**Background**

Each year, the City of Fort Lauderdale (City) is required to submit an Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order to continue receiving funding for the City's Entitlement Grant Programs through HUD. The entitlement grant programs offered by the City of Fort Lauderdale include:

- HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME);
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); and
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA).

Congress has released preliminary entitlement allocations for fiscal year 2015-2016. The allocations available to the City will include a decrease in HOME (\$53,124), CDBG (\$16,140) and HOPWA (\$399,002) funding from last year's amounts. As a result of the funding decrease, there is the potential to serve fewer neighbors. The 2015-2016 estimated allocations from HUD to the City for these programs are:

HOME	\$ 453,289.00
CDBG	\$ 1,470,707.00
HOPWA	\$ 6,979,511.00

A list of the recommended activities for each program is provided below and described

in more detail as Exhibit 1.

#### HOME Programs - \$453,289

- CHDO SET ASIDE (\$67,993.35): The City is required to set-aside 15% of its annual HOME allocation for an eligible Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO).
- HOUSING REHABILITATION/REPLACEMENT (\$0): Funds will be used to provide assistance to eligible homeowners throughout the City to bring their homes up to standard condition and to construct new homes for eligible homeowners whose units are beyond repair.
- PURCHASE ASSISTANCE (\$339,966.75): Funds will be used to provide purchase assistance to qualified homebuyers in the form of First Mortgage Loans, deferred payment Second Mortgages, and infill housing assistance that is paid directly to the developer.
- ADMINISTRATION (45,328.90): The City is permitted to use 10% of its annual HOME allocation for administration and sub-recipient monitoring of HOME programs.

#### CDBG Programs - \$1,470,707

- HOUSING REHABILITATION (\$35,960): Funds are used to make emergency plumbing, roofing, electrical and structural repairs to owner occupied homes occupied in the areas of greatest need.
- NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION STRATEGY AREA (NRSA): The purpose of this Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) is to continue the efforts of the past years to revitalize the northwest quadrant of the City. Funding is recommended for the following organizations;
  - H.O.M.E.S. Inc. (\$200,000)
  - Mount Bethel Childcare Assistance Program/Family Resource Center (\$220,000)
- Central City and Northwest Progresso Flagler Heights CRA eligible activities (\$100,000)
- Public Works Department (CIP/NCIP) – (\$200,000)
- PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Public Service agencies that carry out certain activities are recommended for funding by the Community Service Board (CSB).
  - Broward Partnership for the Homeless (\$40,000)
  - Care Resources(\$10,606)
  - Comprehensive Homeless Strategy (\$50,000)
  - Housing Opportunities Project for Excellence, Inc. (\$30,000)
  - Jack and Jill Children’s Center (\$45,000)
  - Women In Distress (\$45,000)
- Administrative costs associated with general administration, housing rehabilitation administration and program income (\$694,141.40)

## HOPWA Programs - \$6,979,511

- BROWARD HOUSE (\$3,388,657)
  - Facility Based Housing
  - Project Based Rental Assistance
  - Tenant Based Rental Voucher
- BROWARD REGIONAL HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL (\$2,219,905)
  - Short Term, Rent, Mortgage and Utilities and Permanent Housing Placement (STRMU-PHP)
  - Tenant Based Rental Voucher
- CARE RESOURCES (\$182,000)
  - Non-Housing Supportive Services – Housing Case Management
- LEGAL AID OF BROWARD COUNTY (\$150,000)
  - Non-Housing Supportive Services – Legal Services
- MOUNT OLIVE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (\$511,564)
  - Project Based Rental Assistance
- SUNSERVE (\$248,000)
  - Non-Housing Supportive Services – Housing Case Management
- HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (\$70,000): Funds are used to provide an automated service delivery system connecting HOPWA resources with the lead Continuum of Care Agency that manages health care services and support under the Ryan White CARE Act.
- ADMINISTRATION (\$209,385): HOPWA provides 3% of the total grant for administrative costs.

The Public Hearing is held to receive final approval on the draft Annual Action Plan, which will subsequently submitted to HUD.

### **Strategic Connections**

This item corresponds to the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative included within the Neighborhood Enhancement Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- 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 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Community*.

### **Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact with these amendments.

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – Proposed Budget and Narrative Summary

Exhibit 2 – Advertisement of Public Hearing

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