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

**FROM:** Lee Feldman, City Manager

**DATE:** November 20, 2012

**TITLE:** Public Hearing – Substantial Amendment to the 2012-2013 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Annual Action Plan (AAP)

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission convene a public hearing and accept public input and take action on five separate motions:

- 1) Motion to approve the appropriation of funding for the 2012-2013 HOPWA awards;
- 2) Consider a motion to approve funding for Legal Aid (*based on the Community Services Board recommendation*);
- 3) Motion to approve the contract renewal for Groupware Technologies, Inc., (GTI) (see Exhibit #1);
- 4) Motion to approve Performance Indicators for HOPWA (see Exhibit #2);
- 5) Motion to approve the substantial amendment to the 2012-2013 Annual Action Plan (see Exhibit #3).

Upon approval of the items listed above the City Commission also authorizes the City Manager to execute all agreements associated with the Annual Action Plan.

**Background**

On July 10, 2012, the City Commission approved the 2012-2013 AAP (CAR #12-1052). Each year, the City of Fort Lauderdale is required to submit the AAP HUD in order to continue receiving funding for the entitlement programs operated by HUD. Those programs include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA).

On September 18, 2012, the City Commission reviewed and discussed the HOPWA proposals, which are now being inserted into the 2012-2013 AAP, via a Substantial

Amendment.

Also at the September 18<sup>th</sup> City Commission meeting, the Commission withheld making a decision on Legal Aid's request for HOPWA funding until the City Manager and the City Attorney had an opportunity to discuss possible conflicts (see Exhibit #4). Legal Aid's response is attached as Exhibit #5.

The Community Services Board (CSB) was asked to offer a recommendation on Legal Aid's HOPWA proposal, based on the memorandum from the City Attorney and the response from Legal Aid. The CSB met on October 9, 2012 and recommended to keep the recommend HOPWA funding for Legal Aid in place in the amount of \$250,556.98. The current version of the AAP includes the Legal Aid award as recommended by the CSB. However, it should be noted that the City Attorney's Office and I do not recommend funding Legal Aid. If the City Commission decides not to move forward with the Legal Aid award at this time, the agenda item before you can be amended to redistribute the dollars to other service providers recommended who provide other HOPWA-related services.

**Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact to the City associated with this action.

**Attachment:**

- Exhibit 1 – Second Amendment to GTI Agreement
- Exhibit 2 – Performance Indicators for HOPWA Agencies
- Exhibit 3 – Substantial Amendment to 2012-2013 Annual Action Plan
- Exhibit 4 – City Attorney Memo
- Exhibit 5 – Legal Aid's Response Memo

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