



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

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

DATE: March 4, 2014

TITLE: Public Hearing – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission convene a public hearing to receive input and approve the Substantial Amendment pursuant to Exhibit 1 to the 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and the 2012-2013 Annual Action Plans of the 2005-2010 and 2010-2015 Consolidated Plans.

Background

In accordance with the Substantial Change Policy of the City's Housing and Urban Development (HUD) approved Consolidated Plans, this change requires a program amendment to the Annual Action Plan of the Consolidated Plans. A change in a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program as a result of the addition or cancellation of a program or a change in the purpose, scope, location or beneficiary of an activity, requires a program amendment to the Annual Action Plan of the Consolidated Plan. The City of Fort Lauderdale's program amendment and substantial change policy requires Commission Approval and public input at a public hearing after proper notice has been published for a 30-day public comment period.

The reallocation of CDBG funds is recommended for the following projects and activities that will assist the Housing and Community Development (HCD) Division in meeting the City's federal spending requirements.

Housing Opportunities Project for Excellence, Inc. (\$5,000.00)

HUD requires every municipality fund fair housing activities annually. Housing Opportunities Project for Excellence, Inc. (a.k.a. *HOPE Fair Housing Center*), provides fair housing education and outreach to residents of the City on fair housing issues, rights and remedies. HOPE will provide an update to the City's Analysis of Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing. We are recommending that this agreement be effective January 1, 2014.

Mt. Bethel Human Services (\$170,000.00)

Funds will provide low-income Fort Lauderdale families childcare assistance for care of children between ages of 0 – 11 years of age and families who meet prescribed criteria neighborhood-based support services which include, but not limited to, case management, information and referral, parenting education and support, diversion services, foster care related services, employability / self-sufficiency training, family literacy, emergency financial assistance and child care. We are recommending that this agreement be effective September 1, 2013.

Housing Opportunities, Mortgage Assistance, & Effective Neighborhood Solutions, Inc. (\$128,000.00)

This program supplements the existing Self Sufficiency Program managed by H.O.M.E.S., Inc. Tier one of the program provides affordable, safe and decent housing for 23 young people aged out of foster and relative care. Tier two is the Self Sufficiency Training Program. This program provides services to at risk youth to prevent homelessness. These youth have barriers to employment due to a myriad of factors including non-completion of educational goals. The program incorporates employability and career assessments, job placement (temporary and permanent), resume writing, life skills, soft skills, communication and financial literacy for youth ages 18-25. Program participants are youth who have aged out of foster and relative care and are deemed homeless unless they find affordable rental housing. This program will serve eligible youth who are not currently housed at HOMES Inc. but live in the City limits of Fort Lauderdale. We are recommending that this agreement be effective January 1, 2014.

Northwest Federated Woman’s Club of Broward County, Inc. (\$75,000.00)

The Northwest Federated Woman’s Club was founded in 1938 with the goal of serving and enhancing the lives of senior citizens and youth in our community. Their clients are low-income seniors that depend on the services we provide Monday through Friday. We are in need of a new bus to serve our clients who do not have transportation to our facility and would otherwise be confined to their homes. Most of our program participants reside within the city of Fort Lauderdale and we will not be able to continue to serve more than 49 enrolled seniors that participate in our adult day care without assistance to acquire a new bus. We are recommending that this agreement be effective January 1, 2014.

Staff recommends making the program amendments listed above to reallocate CDBG Funds.

Resource Impact

CDBG funds have already been appropriated by the City. This CAM has no fiscal impact to the general fund.

Strategic Connections

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

- **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 Vision Plan 2035: We are community.

FUNDS AVAILABILITY LOCATION:

<i>Funds available as of</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER/ INDEX CODE	INDEX NAME (Program)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code)	AMOUNT
108-CD101752-8001	Rehabilitation (2009-2010)	Grant Services 8001 Program Funds	\$ 1,872.97	\$ 1,872.97	\$ 1,872.97
108-CD111860-8001	Rehabilitation (2010-2011)	Grant Services 8001 Program Funds	\$ 15,748.87	\$ 15,748.87	\$ 15,748.87
108-CD122015-8001	WaterWorks and unspent funds (2011-2012)	Grant Services 8001 Program Funds	\$ 64,917.23	\$ 64,917.23	\$ 64,917.23
108-CD121980-8001	CRA Activities (2011-2012)	Grant Services 8001 Program Funds	\$ 477.70	\$ 477.70	\$ 477.70
108-CD121945-8001	Barrier Free Rehab (2011-2012)	Grant Services 8001 Program Funds	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
108-CD13ADM-8001	CDBG Administration unused funds (2012-2013)	Grant Services 8001 Program Funds	\$ 50,542.21	\$ 50,542.21	\$ 50,542.21
108-CD132055-8001	Public Services Funds (2012-2013)	Grant Services 8001 Program Funds	\$ 22,057.00	\$ 22,057.00	\$ 22,057.00
108-CD132057-8001	Public Services Funds (2012-2013)	Grant Services 8001 Program Funds	\$ 28,590.00	\$ 28,590.00	\$ 28,590.00
108-CD132051-8001	Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (2012-2013)	Grant Services 8001 Program Funds	\$ 143,794.02	\$ 143,794.02	\$143,794.02

AMENDMENT TOTAL ►	\$378,000.00
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ACCOUNT NUMBER/ INDEX CODE	INDEX NAME (Program)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code)	AMOUNT
108-CD142116-8004	Housing Opportunities Project for Excellence, Inc.	Grant Services 8001 Program Funds	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
108-CD142110-8004	Mt. Bethel Human Services	Grant Services 8001 Program Funds	\$ 170,000.00	\$ 170,000.00	\$170,000.00
	Housing Opportunities, Mortgage Assistance, & Effective Neighborhood Solutions, Inc.	Grant Services 8001 Program Funds	\$128,000.00	\$128,000.00	\$128,000.00
	Northwest Federated Woman's Club of Broward County, Inc.	Grant Services 8001 Program Funds	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
AMENDMENT TOTAL ►					\$378,000.00

FUNDS ALLOCATED TO:

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Published Program Amendment Ad

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