



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

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

DATE: October 7, 2014

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

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 2012-2013 and the 2013-2014 Annual Action Plans of the 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.

South Middle River Unpaved Road Project

This neighborhood improvement project is for the purpose of paving unimproved right of ways. The proposed plan is to construct 12' wide one-way roads along NW 15th Street from Powerline Road east to Andrews Avenue. The proposed plan includes new sidewalks, landscaping, bioswales and solar pedestrian lighting.

Staff recommends making the program amendments listed above to reallocate CDBG Funds. In 2013-2014 the City Commission approved funding for the Public Works Department. Public Works will combine the \$353,553.84 that has already been set aside for Public Works projects with the \$246,446.16 in this CAM for this project.

At the time that the program advertisement was published, it was the intention to utilize \$800,000 of CDBG funds for this project. However, during the FY15 budget process additional non-CDBG funding was identified for the project. *After the allocation to the South Middle River Unpaved Road Project, there remains approximately \$200,000 of program income that can be allocated to existing programs or new programs which meet the CDBG eligibility criteria.*

Resource Impact

CDBG funds have already been appropriated by the City. This CAM has no fiscal impact to the general fund. Funding will be reallocated as follows:

FUNDS AVAILABILITY LOCATION:

<i>Funds available as of September 12, 2014</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER/ INDEX CODE	INDEX NAME (Program)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code)	AMOUNT
108-CD13PI-8033	CDBG Program Income 2012/13	Grant Services/Program Income 12/13	\$ 196,972.36	\$ 196,972.36	\$196,972.36
108-CD142115-8001	Legal Aid Service of Broward County (unspent funds)	Grant Services/Program Funds	\$ 35,595.00	\$ 35,595.00	\$ 21,552.62
108-CD14PI-8034	CDBG Program Income 2013-14	Grant Services/Program Income 13/14	\$ 194,263.00	\$ 234,220.00	\$27,921.18
				AMENDMENT TOTAL ►	\$246,446.16

FUNDS ALLOCATED TO:

<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- CD(TBD)8004	South Middle River	Grant Services 8001 Program Funds	\$ 353,553.84	\$353,553.84	\$246,446.16
AMENDMENT TOTAL ►					\$246,446.16

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.*

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Published Program Amendment Ad

Exhibit 2 – Public Comments

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