



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

#25-0763

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: August 19, 2025

TITLE: Public Hearing to Approve an Increase in the Housing Opportunities for
Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Grant Award to Broward Regional Health
Planning Council, Not to Exceed \$331,000 – **(Commission Districts 1, 2,
3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) grant award increase to Broward Regional Health Planning Council (BRHPC) not to exceed \$331,000 and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents associated with this award.

Background

On June 4, 2024, via Commission Agenda Memo (CAM) #24-0448, the City Commission approved a HOPWA award of \$2,682,303.47 for BRHPC. The allocation of these funds is detailed in the 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan, attached as Exhibit 1 (see page 7 for more details). With these funds, BRHPC offers HOPWA Tenant-Based Rental Vouchers. Additionally, BRHPC provides a range of supportive housing services including:

- Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility payment assistance;
- Permanent housing placement support; and
- Temporary emergency hotel vouchers.

Per the grant agreement, services are only available to households that meet HOPWA eligibility requirements.

In May 2025, BRHPC informed the Community Services Board (CSB) that, due to significant increases in residential rental costs, there has been higher-than-anticipated utilization across several program categories. As a result, a funding shortfall has emerged in the Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program.

At its regularly scheduled meeting in June 2025, CSB board members voted to approve additional funding for BRHPC to address this shortfall. For more information, please see Exhibit 2 (CSB Draft Minutes).

Current spending projections indicate a shortfall of approximately \$331,000 in the TBRA program. Please see Exhibit 3 (BRHPC Spending Projection) for more information.

By providing these additional funds to BRHPC, it will allow for the continuation of assistance to ensure housing stability for HOPWA qualified participants.

Resource Impact

There is no long-term fiscal impact to the General Fund. The Federal HOPWA grant funds will reimburse the City.

Source:

<i>Funds available as of September 12, 2024</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-108-9300-554-80-8001-23HPTBD	HOPWA 22-23 Program Funds TBD	Program Funds	\$1,817,087.04	\$1,817,087.04	\$331,000.00
				TOTAL AMOUNT ►	\$331,000.00

Use:

<i>Funds available as of September 12, 2024</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-108-9300-554-80-8001-23HP2673	HOPWA Broward Regional Health Planning Council (BRHPC) TBRV	Program Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$331,000.00
				TOTAL AMOUNT ►	\$331,000.00

Strategic Connections

This item is a FY 2025 Commission Priority, advancing the Affordable Housing and Economic Development initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Housing Focus Area, Goal 2: Enable housing options for all income levels.

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

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- The Housing Element

Goal 1: The Comprehensive Plan shall support the provision of adequate sites for future housing, including affordable workforce housing, housing for low-income, very low-income, and moderate-income families, mobile homes, and group home facilities and foster care facilities, with supporting infrastructure and public facilities.

Goal 2: Be a community of strong, beautiful, and healthy neighborhoods.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – 2024 - 2025 Annual Action Plan

Exhibit 2 – June 9, 2025, CSB Draft Minutes

Exhibit 3 – BRHPC Spending Projection

Exhibit 4 – Public Hearing Notice

Prepared by: Jonathan Rogers, Administrative Supervisor, Housing and Community Development

Department Director: Anthony Fajardo, Development Services Department