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Sent: Friday, November 14, 2014 3:28 PM
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Subject: CareerSource Broward's Response to the City of Fort Lauderdale's Proposed Community Development Block Grant Amendment
Attachments: CSBD Letter - Response to CDBG Program Amendment.pdf

Good afternoon Mr. Brown:

Please find attached CareerSource Broward's (CSBD) formal response to the City of Fort Lauderdale's Proposed Community Development Block Grant Amendment, which is open for comment, as advertised in the Sun-Sentinel on October 25, 2014. Specifically, CSBD is requesting the portion, line itemed "To Be Determined," to be allocated to our Summer Youth Employment Program so that we can serve more youth within your city.

The original of the attached was also sent via Certified Mail. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael



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RE: Response to the Proposed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
 Program Amendment

Pamela Sands
 Board Chairperson
 Broward Workforce
 Development Board, Inc.

Dear Mr. Brown:

Mason C. Jackson
 President/CEO
 CareerSource Broward

This letter is in response to your Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Proposed Program Amendment, as noticed in the Sun-Sentinel on October 25, 2014. In 2014, the City of Fort Lauderdale allocated \$160,000 to CareerSource Broward (CSBD) for its Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) to provide 64 low-income youth with a summer work experience. Previous years we were able to serve 70 youth with the same amount of funding, but last year the minimum wage went up and we had to lower the amount of youth we could serve down to 64. Effective January 2015, the minimum wage will increase to \$8.05, which will further lower the amount of youth served by this program to approximately 57 youth in Fort Lauderdale. As a result, CSBD requests the \$24,539.67, as line itemed "To Be Determined" in the proposed amendment per your public notice, to be allocated to our Summer Youth Employment Program to serve approximately 67 youth.

Over the past five (5) years, the City of Fort Lauderdale has supported and funded our Summer Youth Employment Program and given youth that reside in Fort Lauderdale the opportunity to experience meaningful work during an 8-week period. The youth actually work within the boundaries of the city at various parks, libraries, City Hall, fire stations and schools. For majority of the youth, this will be their first work experience, so the SYEP program provides an employability skills training over a three-day period to all participants, which covers basic soft skills, such as: (1) communicating with the supervisor; (2) the importance of arriving on time; (3) appropriate workplace dress attire; (4) getting along with co-workers, and; (5) appropriate workplace behavior. CSBD hires worksite monitors to provide support to the youth and employers for the duration of the program.

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Allocating an additional \$24,539.67 in funding to our SYEP would allow us to serve more youth from low-income households, so they can participate in a meaningful work experience. It will also enable them to have funds for school clothing, school supplies and to help with any family needs. This additional funding will help us serve approximately 67 youth.

We look forward to hearing about this terrific opportunity to collaborate and serve more youth in our community. For more details about our Summer Youth Employment Program, and/or to let us know what other steps we need to apply for this additional funding, please contact Latema King, Program Manager, at 6301 NW 5th Way, Suite 1200, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309. Ms. King can also be contacted at (954) 202-3830, extension 3021, or by email at lkking@careersourcebroward.com. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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