



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

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

DATE: July 1, 2014

TITLE: Motion accepting the 2014-2015 State Housing Initiatives Partnership
(SHIP) Funds - \$776,453.00

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a motion to accept State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program funds for the 2014-2015 grant years in the amount of \$776,453.00 and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents related to the acceptance of this allocation.

Background

The Florida SHIP Program has received a Specific Appropriation in the amount of \$96 million to be allocated for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. The City of Fort Lauderdale will receive \$776,453.00 of this appropriation to be used for affordable housing activities. These SHIP funds will be administered through the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC). The General Appropriations Act specifies that the funding must be used for:

- (1) Down payment assistance;
- (2) Rehabilitation or modifying owner-occupied houses including Special Needs Barrier Free Housing Rehabilitation;
- (3) Other strategies included in the approved 2013-2016 LHAP.

Each local government must use a minimum of 20 percent of its allocation to serve persons with special needs as defined in section 420.004, Florida Statutes. Before this portion of the allocation is released by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC), a local government must certify that it will meet this requirement through existing approved strategies in the Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) or submit a new LHAP strategy for this purpose to FHFC (**Exhibit 1**). The first priority of these special needs funds must be to serve persons with developmental disabilities as defined in section 393.063, Florida Statutes, with an emphasis on home modifications, including technological enhancements and devices, which will allow homeowners to remain independent in their homes and maintain their homeownership.

These SHIP funds are to be considered Fiscal Year 2014-2015 funding and will be expended through strategies in the 2013-2016 LHAP approved by the City Commission as per Resolution No. 13-62.(**Exhibit 2**).

Upon receipt of these funds a Notice of Funding Availability for these 2014-2015 SHIP Funds will be advertised in the Sun Sentinel.

The City proposes to use these funds as follows:

1. Administration - \$77,645.30 (10%);
2. Special Needs Barrier Free Program - \$155,290.60 to assist up to 3 households;
3. Purchase Assistance Program - \$323,517.10 to assist up to 5 households;
4. Housing Rehabilitation/Replacement Program (preference will be given to the elderly) - \$220,000.00 up to 6 households.

The projected \$22,500.00 program income received will be expended in accordance with the current approved SHIP LHAP.

Resource Impact:

There is a positive fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$798,953.00. In addition, program income will be generated from the grant funds in the amount of \$22,500. Funding for this item is contingent upon the approval of the consolidated budget amendment CAM 14-0711.

Appropriate:

Funds available as of May 29, 2014

ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code)	AMOUNT
130-SH15REV-D334	SHIP Program Revenue FY 14-15	Intergovernmental Revenue/SHIP - FY 2014-2015 Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$776,453.00
130-SH15PI-N770	SHIP Program Income FY 14-15	Misc Revenue/Deferred Loans Paid	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00
130-SH15PI-N103	SHIP Program Income FY 14-15	Misc Revenue/Earned - Pooled investments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
APPROPRIATION TOTAL →					\$798,953.00

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.

Related CAM(s): #14-0711

Attachment:

Exhibit 1- The City of Fort Lauderdale FY 2014-2015 SHIP Funding Certificate

Exhibit 2- Resolution No. 13-62-Approval of 2013-2016 LHAP

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