



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

#17-0865

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

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

DATE: July 11, 2017

TITLE: Motion to Approve Participation Agreement to Award Florida State
Department of Economic Opportunity Funds – HOPE South Florida, Inc. -
\$151,000

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a participation agreement, in substantially the form attached, subject to City Attorney review and approval, to award Florida State Department of Economic Opportunity funds for Rapid Rehousing to HOPE South Florida, Inc. (HOPE) in the amount of \$151,000.

Background

On February 7, 2017 the City Commission approved a participation agreement, awarding of State's Department of Economic Opportunity funds for Rapid Rehousing to HOPE South Florida, Inc. (HOPE) in the amount of \$159,860 through June 30, 2017.

To continue the City of Fort Lauderdale Rapid Rehousing Program, the State of Florida Legislature via 2017-2018 General Appropriations Act, line 2224M, appropriated \$400,000 to the City of Fort Lauderdale that is recommended for City Commission acceptance and award in companion item #17-0819 and appropriating the funding in companion item #17-0703 on the July 11, 2017 City Commission Agenda. The 2017 Participation Agreement for HOPE South Florida is identical to the prior year agreement except for a slight decrease in funding and clients served in addition to allowing for temporary housing in hotels as needed.

HOPE South Florida through their unique collaboration with Broward Partnership (Collaborative) served our most vulnerable homeless population through the City of Fort Lauderdale Rapid Rehousing Program between February 7, 2017 and June 30, 2017. Both HOPE South Florida and Broward Partnership for the Homeless will continue collaborating for this program and bring their respective, existing networks to this program including the local faith community.

The Collaborative proposes to provide three activities and has requested \$151,000 for the following costs:

- \$38,500 – for direct housing financial assistance that includes allowable hotel expenses, utility deposits, furnishings, bus passes, application fees, etc.
- \$96,000 – for direct support services that includes but is not limited to case management and housing specialist to conduct housing searches and placement services and
- \$16,500 – for administration of program, office equipment and office supplies.

The Collaborative is proposing to provide a portion of their existing housing specialist and housing navigator salaries to ensure the program is compliant and the appropriate housing is obtained for each of the program participants.

In addition through a new initiative, HOPE South Florida will provide immediate housing needs of families and individuals that are in crisis and experiencing homelessness within the City of Fort Lauderdale by providing temporary housing in hotels through the Crisis Bridge Housing Pilot Program. The Crisis Bridge Housing Pilot Program was presented to Commission on June 6, 2017, CAM 17-0620. Funding is being provided through a partnership with the City of Fort Lauderdale - \$20,000 via this Rapid Rehousing Program, Broward County - \$20,000 and Operation Lift HOPE - \$20,000 for a total proposed pilot project budget amount of \$60,000.

The City will continue to retain the direct housing subsidy dollars and work in close coordination with the case managers, housing specialist and navigators to disburse the first and last month’s rent, security deposits and continuous monthly rents directly to the landlords. Staff continues to support this collaboration as a demonstration of a true partnership between the State, the City, and our local service providers to provide time limited housing solutions with appropriate support services to maintain housing for homeless individuals and families in Fort Lauderdale.

The Rapid Rehousing Program is consistent with the Florida Council on Homelessness recommendations for reducing homelessness in the State as well as the Federal Government’s Opening Doors Plan to prevent and end homelessness.

Resource Impact

Funds for this agreement in the amount of \$151,0000 are available in the FY 2017 Budget in the accounts listed below as accepted in Commission Agenda Memo 17-0819 and appropriated in Commission Agenda Memo 17- 0703 of this agenda:

Use:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB- OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
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129-GHMLESS17-3299	Housing Assistance to Homeless-Rapid	Services & Materials/ Other Services	\$0	\$ 76,000	\$76,000.00
129-GHMLESS17-3322	Housing Assistance to Homeless-Rapid	Services/ Materials/ Other Facility Rental	\$0	\$ 20,000	\$20,000.00
129-GHMLESS17-3601	Housing Assistance to Homeless-Rapid	Services & Materials / Electricity	\$0	\$ 10,000	\$10,000.00
129-GHMLESS17-3216	Housing Assistance to Homeless-Rapid	Services & Materials/ Costs, Fees, Permits	\$0	\$ 3,500	\$3,500.00
129-GHMLESS17-3946	Housing Assistance to Homeless-Rapid	Services & Materials/ Tools & Equip < \$5,000	\$0	\$ 2,000	\$2,000
129-GHMLESS17-3925	Housing Assistance to Homeless-Rapid	Services & Materials/ Office Equip < \$5,000	\$0	\$ 3,200	\$3,200.00
TOTAL →					\$114,700.00

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129-GHMLESS17A-3299	Housing Assistance to Homeless- Rapid	Services & Materials/ Other Services	\$0	\$33,300	\$ 33,300.00
129-GHMLESS17A-3946	Housing Assistance to Homeless- Rapid	Services & Materials/ Tools & Equip < \$5,000	\$0	\$ 1,700	\$ 3,000.00
TOTAL →					\$ 36,300.00

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Commission Annual Action Plan* priority, included with the Policy Agenda, advancing the Comprehensive Homeless Strategy.

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included with the Public Places Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 3: Be a community that finds opportunities and leverages partnership to

create unique, inviting and connected gathering places that highlight our beaches, waterways, urban areas, and parks.

- Objective 5: Work with partners to reduce homelessness by promoting independence and self-worth through advocacy, housing, and comprehensive services.
- Initiative 2: Implement a comprehensive short and long-term strategy with community partners to address Homelessness.

This item also furthers the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We are Community*.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – HOPE South Florida Agreement

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