



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#13-1008

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

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

DATE: August 20, 2013

TITLE: Motion accepting and executing for the 2013-2014 State Housing
Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Funds - \$236,279

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a motion to accept and execute agreements for the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program funds for the 2013 – 2014 grant year in the amount of \$236,279.

Background

During the 2013 Legislative Session, Senate Bill 1852 was adopted, which includes a nonrecurring sum of \$40 million in SHIP funding for the 2013-2014 SHIP fiscal year pursuant to the National Mortgage Settlement. These SHIP funds are to be administered through the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC). SB 1852 specifies that the funding must be used for one or more of the following activities:

1. Rehabilitating or modifying owner-occupied houses including blighted homes or neighborhoods;
2. Assisting with purchases of existing housing with or without rehabilitation;
3. Providing Housing Counseling Services;
4. Providing lease-purchase assistance; and
5. Implementing strategies approved by FHFC which are related to assisting households and communities impacted by foreclosures, using existing housing stock.

Also, each local government must use a minimum of 20 percent of its allocation to serve persons with special needs as defined in Section 420.0004 (13), F.S. Before this portion of the allocation is released by FHFC, the City 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.

The first priority of these special needs funds must be to use them for persons with developmental disabilities as defined in Section 393.063(9) F.S. with an emphasis on home modifications, including technological enhancements and devices, which will allow homeowners to remain independent in their own homes and maintain their homeownership. Local governments may not use more than 3 percent of their allocations for administrative costs.

These SHIP funds are to be considered as Fiscal Year 2013-2014 funding and should be expended through strategies approved under the Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) covering that year in accordance to the 2013-2016 LHAP approved by City Commission per Resolution No. 13-62. As per SHIP Rule F.A.C. 67-37.005, a Notice of Funding Availability for the 2013-2014 SHIP Funds was advertised in the Sun Sentinel on June 29, 2013. Housing Rehabilitation Applications will be accepted October 23-27th.

The City's proposes to use these funds as follows:

1. Administration – \$7,088.37
2. Single Family Housing Rehabilitation – \$174,190.63 to assist up to four (4) households.
3. Special Needs Barrier Free Housing Rehabilitation – \$55,000.00 to assist one (1) household.

If any of the projected program income of \$75,000 is realized, the City will use those funds in accordance with the approved SHIP LHAP.

Resource Impact

There is a positive fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$311,279. Funding is contingent upon the approval of the consolidated budget amendment on this agenda, CAM 13-0965.

SUB				SUB			
FUND	FUND	FUND NAME	INDEX #	INDEX NAME	OBJECT #	SUBOBJECT NAME	AMOUNT
130	01	SHIP State Housing Improvement Program	SH14REV	SHIP Program Revenue FY 13-14 SHIP Year	D333	Program Funds	236,279.00
130	01	SHIP State Housing Improvement Program	SH14PI	SHIP Program Income FY 13-14 SHIP Year	N770	Program Income	75,000.00
TOTAL							311,279.00

SUB				SUB			
FUND	FUND	FUND NAME	INDEX #	INDEX NAME	OBJECT #	SUBOBJECT NAME	AMOUNT
130	01	SHIP State Housing Improvement Program	SH14REV	SHIP Program Revenue FY 13-14 SHIP Year	8001	Program Funds	236,279.00
130	01	SHIP State Housing Improvement Program	SH14PI	SHIP Program Income FY 13-14 SHIP Year	8034	Program Income	75,000.00
TOTAL							311,279.00

Related CAMS

CAM 13-0965-The Consolidated Budget Amendment

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Public Notice and Advertisement

Exhibit 2 – The City of Fort Lauderdale FY 2013-2014 Funding Certificate

Prepared by: Avis A. Wilkinson, Housing Programs Administrator

Department Director: Greg Brewton, Sustainable Development