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

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

**DATE:** August 18, 2015

**TITLE:** Motion to Approve the 2015-2016 State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Funds, Reprogram 2014-2015 SHIP Funds and Amend the 2013-2016 Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP)

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission pass a motion accepting the 2015-2016 State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program funds in the amount of \$821,520, and an additional \$48,202.00 in 2014-2015 funds, and further permit staff to use up to 10% of SHIP funds (including program income) for administrative costs. Revisions are being proposed to the 2013-2016 LHAP to allow SHIP Funds to be used to pay any code liens, fines or violations not waived by the City for assisted properties. Furthermore, it is recommended that the City Manager be authorized to execute all documents related to the acceptance of this allocation.

**Background**

The State's SHIP Program has received \$101 Million for 2015-2016. The City of Fort Lauderdale will receive \$821,520.00 of this appropriation to be used for affordable housing activities as per the approved 2013-2016 Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP). This year each local government must use at least 20 percent of its allocation to serve persons with special needs as defined in section 420.004, Florida Statutes and provide home rehabilitation to homeowners to remain independent in their homes and maintain their homeownership. The City must submit the required certification to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC) before the allocation will be released (Exhibit 1).

A Notice of Funding Availability was advertised on June 3, 2015 in the *Sun Sentinel* with the 2015-2016 *estimated* allocations. The actual funds will be advertised on the City's website and information provided to our affordable housing partners.

The City proposes to use these funds as follows:

1. Purchase Assistance – \$100,000.00
2. Special Needs Barrier Free – \$164,304.00 (20% of allocation)

3. Housing Rehabilitation/Replacement Program – \$475,064.00
4. Administration – \$82,152.00 (10% of allocation)
5. Projected Program Income – \$43,000.00

The projected program income received will be expended in accordance with the current approved SHIP LHAP, which is attached as Exhibit 2.

The 2014-2015 SHIP Funds (48,202) are part of funds not previously released to the local governments from the \$5 million held back for potential disasters by the State of Florida. These additional funds will increase the 2014-2015 SHIP funding allocation for Fort Lauderdale from \$776,453.00 to \$824,655 (Exhibits 3 & 4). Of this amount \$43,381.80 will be used for purchase assistance and \$4,820.20 will be used for administration.

The Housing Rehabilitation/Replacement Program requires there be no liens or judgment against eligible properties. Amending the 2013-2016 LHAP to include the consideration to waive all code liens, fines, and violations or to use SHIP funds to pay any code liens, fines, or violations not waived by the City will ensure eligible low-income households the opportunity to participate in this program to provide them with safe, decent, affordable and in good repair housing. Also it will relieve them of the financial burden by clearing their property title of these encumbrances.

Additionally, SHIP Funds will be used to revitalize residential properties in the target area of East of I-95, West of NW 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, South of Sunrise and North of Broward from the 2015-2016 Annual Action Plan.

It is proposed that the LHAP be further amended to include the following program approaches:

- The City may consider waiving all code liens, fines, and violations on all assisted properties. SHIP funds may be used to pay any code liens, fines or violations not waived by the City.
- A focused use of SHIP funds will be made to assist applicants in the target area of East of I-95, West of NW 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, South of Sunrise and North of Broward from the 2015-2016 Annual Action Plan.

### **Resource Impact**

This CAM has no fiscal impact to the general fund. Funding for this item is contingent upon the approval of the September 1, 2015 consolidated budget amendment CAM #15-0955.

**Appropriation To:**

*Funds available as of July 8 2015*

ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	AMOUNT RECEIVED (Object Code)	AMOUNT
130-SH16REV-D335	SHIP Program Revenue FY15-16	Intergovernmental Revenue/SHIP FY2015-2016	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$821,520.00
130-SH16PI-N770	SHIP Program Income FY15-16	Misc Revenue/Deferred Loans Paid	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$38,000.00
130-SH16PI-N103	SHIP Program Income FY15-16	Misc Revenue/Earned Pooled Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
<b>APPROPRIATION TOTAL →</b>					<b>\$864,520.00</b>

**Appropriation To:**

ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	AMOUNT RECEIVED (Object Code)	AMOUNT
130-SH15REV-D334	SHIP Program Revenue FY14-15	Intergovernmental Revenue/SHIP FY2014-2015	\$776,453.00	\$824,655.00	\$48,202.00
<b>APPROPRIATION TOTAL →</b>					<b>\$48,202.00</b>

**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.*

**Attachments:**

Exhibit 1- The City of Fort Lauderdale FY2015-2016 Funding Certification

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

Exhibit 3- SHIP 2014-2015 Unpaid SHIP Funds

Exhibit 4- The City of Fort Lauderdale FY2014-2015 Funding Certification

Exhibit 5- 2013-2016 Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP).

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