



Proposed Annual Action Plan of the Consolidated Plan For the 2013-2014 Program Year

Narrative & Budget Summary

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Division of Economic & Community Reinvestment**



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PUBLIC PLACES



**NEIGHBORHOOD
ENHANCEMENT**



**BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT**



PUBLIC SAFETY

INTRODUCTION

The federal government requires that an Annual Action Plan be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) before the City can receive certain federal funds, including funds under the following programs: Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG); HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME); Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG); and Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS Program (HOPWA).

The 2013-2014 estimated allocations from HUD to the City for these programs are:

ESG	\$ 112,945.00
HOME	\$ 498,371.00
CDBG	\$ 1,549,786.00
HOPWA	\$ 8,308,550.00

Additionally, \$29,095 in CDBG funds are being provided to the City by HUD, as the City of Weston did not apply for their FY 12 CDBG Allocation and their funding was split among eligible Broward County Entitlement Cities.

The following sections outline the specific funding requests and recommendations for each program category.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES 2013-2014 ESG BUDGET:	\$ 112,945.00
Homeless Assistance	\$ 104,474.12
Administration	\$ 8,470.88

HOMELESS ASSISTANCE CENTER and HOMELESS PREVENTION: Funds will be provided to the Broward Partnership for the Homeless, Inc for continued operation of the Homeless Assistance Center on Sunrise Boulevard. Funds will be used for operation activities that include: maintenance, operation, insurance, utilities and furnishings, except that not more than 10% of the amount of this grant received may be used for costs of staff. Operating costs means expenses incurred by Broward Partnership for the Homeless, Inc., for the administration, maintenance, repair and security of such housing: and utilities, fuels, furnishings, and equipment. Broward Partnership for the Homeless, Inc., must provide a match to the ESG funds as described in 24 CFR 576.51. Funding will also be used to provide short-term rent assistance and utilities (*water/electricity*) to Fort Lauderdale families facing eviction notices or notices of termination of utility services as described in 24 CFR 576.51.

ADMINISTRATION: The City is permitted to use 7.5% of its annual ESG allocation for administration of ESG programs and sub-recipient monitoring.

HOME Investment Partnership (HOME)

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES 2013-2014 HOME BUDGET	\$498,371.00
CHDO Set Aside	\$ 74,755.65
Housing Rehabilitation/Replacement	\$ 45,000.00
Purchase Assistance	\$328,778.25
Administration	\$ 49,837.10

CHDO SET-ASIDE: The City is required to set-aside 15% of its annual HOME allocation for an eligible Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO). These non-profit organizations are committed to develop affordable housing in the communities they serve. A formal RFP process will be used to select the CHDO(s), which will receive the assistance.

HOUSING REHABILITATION/REPLACEMENT: Funds will be used to provide assistance to eligible homeowners throughout the City to bring their homes up to standard condition and to construct new homes for eligible homeowners whose units are beyond repair. Rehabilitation assistance is also available to assist non-profit owners of single and multi-family properties, serving eligible clients. The assistance will be provided in the form of 0% interest deferred loans. The maximum award per unit is \$205,000.

PURCHASE ASSISTANCE: Funds will be used to provide purchase assistance to qualified homebuyers in the form of First Mortgage Loans, deferred payment Second Mortgages and infill housing assistance (*paid directly to the developer*). Second mortgage assistance can be applied toward down payment, closing costs and or principle reduction for the purchase of eligible owner-occupied housing, which includes single-family homes, town homes and villas. The maximum award per unit is \$75,000. The maximum award per City-owned infill housing unit is \$140,000.

ADMINISTRATION: The City is permitted to use 10% of its annual HOME allocation for administration and sub-recipient monitoring of HOME programs.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR 2013-2014 BUDGET: \$ 1,549,786.00
PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR 2012-2013 BUDGET: \$ 29,095.00

<u>CDBG ACTIVITIES REQUESTING AGENCIES</u>	<u>FUNDING RECOMMENDATION FOR 2013 – 2014</u>
<u>HOUSING PROGRAMS</u>	
➤ Barrier-Free	\$ <u>0.00</u>
➤ Rehabilitation	\$ <u>0.00</u>
<u>NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION STRATEGY AREA (NRSA)</u>	
➤ Mount Bethel (<i>Childcare Assistance Program and Family Resource Center</i>)	\$ <u>194,700.21</u>
➤ Housing Authority (<i>STEP-UP Apprenticeship Program</i>)	\$ <u>224,700.21</u>
<u>PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES*</u>	
➤ Women In Distress	\$ <u>35,595.00</u>
➤ Broward County Minority Builders Coalition	\$ <u>35,595.00</u>
➤ Broward Children’s Center, Inc.	\$ <u>32,219.17</u>
➤ Legal Aid Service of Broward County, Inc.	\$ <u>35,595.00</u>
➤ HOPE Fair Housing Center <i>(The Fair Housing Activity is required by HUD)</i>	\$ <u>30,000.00</u>
* <i>The total amount of Public Service funding provided cannot exceed 15% of the total CDBG Allocation which is projected to be \$236,832.15.</i>	
<u>OTHER CDBG ACTIVITIES</u>	
Public Works Department (<i>CIP Projects</i>)	\$ <u>474,700.21</u>
<u>CDBG ADMINISTRATION AND PROGRAM INCOME</u>	
General Administration:	\$ <u>315,776.20</u>
Rehabilitation Administration:	\$ <u>200,000.00</u>
Anticipated CDBG Program Income:	\$ <u>200,000.00</u>

HOUSING PROGRAMS

REHABILITATION: Funds are used to make emergency plumbing, roofing, electrical and structural repairs to homes occupied by income eligible homeowners. Rehabilitation assistance is also available to assist non-profit owners of single and multi-family properties, serving eligible clients. The maximum award per unit is \$205,000.

BARRIER-FREE: This program is designed to remove barriers, improve accessibility to the elderly (*62 years of age or older*) and disabled persons, and to provide for health and safety repairs. The maximum award per unit is \$50,000.

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION STRATEGY AREA (NRSA)

The purpose of this Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) is to continue the efforts of the past years to revitalize the northwest quadrant of the City. The boundaries for the NRSA are: N.W. 7th Avenue on the east; Broward Boulevard on the south; I-95 on the west; and Sunrise Boulevard on the north. The target area has been designed to be of manageable and efficient size, so that proposed activities can be accomplished within a five-year time frame.

MOUNT BETHEL (Childcare Assistance Program): Funds will provide low-income Fort Lauderdale families who meet prescribed criteria a voucher program to provide affordable childcare assistance for care of children between ages of 0 – 11 years of age. **Funding Request for this Activity: \$134,700.21** **Clients to be served: 25**

MOUNT BETHEL (Family Resource Center): Funds will provide low-income Fort Lauderdale families who meet prescribed criteria neighborhood-based support services which include, but not limited to, case management, information and referral, parenting education and support, diversion services, foster care related services, employability/self-sufficiency training, family literacy, emergency financial assistance and child care. **Funding Request for this Activity: \$60,000** **Clients to be served: 75**

HOUSING AUTHORITY (Step-UP Program): The Housing Authority of the City of Fort Lauderdale is the sponsor agency for a state-registered apprenticeship program known as the Step-Up Apprenticeship Initiative. This is the first program of its type in the South that provides effective and cost efficient educational, skills training and employment opportunities for people in the low-income/public housing neighborhoods to achieve self-sufficiency and economic independence. Funds pay for journeypersons to provide trade skills instruction to participants and may be used for the following: transportation services to job sites and classrooms; one academic instructor for educational remediation services for participants, as well as counseling and case management, and educational supplies. **Funding Request for this Activity: \$224,700.21** **Apprentices to be served: 8**

PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES

The Public Service agencies that carry out these activities are recommended for funding by the Community Service Board (CSB). While there is not a minimum threshold on funding for Public Service Activities, HUD requires that no more than 15% of CDBG funds be used toward this activity.

WOMEN IN DISTRESS (WID): WID will address the critical needs of domestic violence victims – emergency shelter, food, clothing, transportation and medical assistance in an environment where they can recover from the traumatic effects of victimization. As families work on rebuilding their lives, they are provide with individual counseling and support groups that will all them to being to heal in a safe setting. **Funding Recommendation for this Activity: \$35,595** **Clients to be served: 337 Emergency Shelter Nights to 36 clients**

BROWARD CHILDREN’S CENTER (BCC): BCC provides services to special needs children within Broward County. BCC will use the funding to provide early education, intervention and supportive services to special needs vulnerable children with developmental disabilities, who reside in Fort Lauderdale. **Funding Recommendation for this Activity: \$32,219.17** **Clients to be served: 16**

BROWARD COUNTY MINORITY BUILDERS COALITION (BCMBC): BCMBC will support their *Employ Fort Lauderdale*; a coordinated process to put Fort Lauderdale residents back to work on family supporting jobs. *Employ Fort Lauderdale* is a collaborative partnership between the BCMBC, Broward Technical Schools, employer partners and other non-profit organizations. **Funding Recommendation for this Activity: \$35,595** **Clients to be served: 100**

LEGAL AID SERVICE OF BROWARD COUNTY: The Move Project at Legal Aid will supplement services currently being offered to Fort Lauderdale youth as they transition to independence. Each client will receive a “legal check up” to identify current legal issues. After consultation, the clients will be provided a specific legal service(s) appropriate to their individual needs and designed to assure all their legal and socio-economic concerns are met. The Move Project will provide legal education regarding their rights and responsibilities as City residents/tenants. Further, in the event a youth encounters housing barriers during the term of the grant, Legal Aid will review the case to determine if legal intervention can prevent homelessness or improve the youth’s living conditions. **Funding Recommendation for this Activity: \$35,595** **Clients to be served: 43**

OTHER PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES

FAIR HOUSING ACTIVITIES: HUD requires that every municipality fund fair housing activities annually. Housing Opportunities Project for Excellence, Inc. (a.k.a. HOPE Fair Housing Center), provides fair housing education and outreach to residents of the City on fair housing issues, rights and remedies. HOPE will also complete the 3 years update to the City’s Analysis of Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing. *This is a Public Service Activity that counts against the 15% cap.*

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PROJECTS

Funds are utilized to address public works projects which include, but are not limited to: WaterWorks 2011, Business Capital Improvement Program (BCIP), Capital Improvement Program (CIP), and the Neighborhood Capital Improvement Program (NCIP).

The proposed used of funds are for the **South Middle River Unpaved Roadways**. Construction of new roads for North West 14th Street and North West 15th Street from Powerline Road east to

North Andrews Avenue in the South Middle River neighborhood area. Much of the existing asphalt of North West 14 Street and North West 15 Street are extremely narrow and most sections of these streets are not paved. It is a safety concern for the residents who live in the area. Also, it is not aesthetically pleasing for a modern city like the City of Fort Lauderdale.

CDBG ADMINISTRATION

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION: Funding for program administrative costs related to planning, execution of community development activities and sub-recipient monitoring. The City is limited to 20% of its CDBG annual allocation for general administrative costs.

REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION: This line item is known commonly as project delivery costs. It is used to cover salaries and benefits of eligible HCD staff that work within the CDBG and HOME programs.

FACILITY BASED HOUSING: Provides resources to develop and operate community residences and other supportive housing. With facility-based housing, the expectation is that participants will be in need of some level of supportive services in order to maintain stability and receive appropriate levels of care. HOPWA regulations require the sponsor to certify that they will give residents an adequate level of support and work with qualified service providers, accessing such support in an ongoing manner. This includes all HOPWA housing expenditures, which provide support to facilities, including community residences, Single Room Occupancy dwellings, short-term or transitional facilities, project-based units, master leased units, scattered site units leased by the organization, and other housing facilities as approved by HUD.

SHORT-TERM, RENT, MORTGAGE & UTILITIES (STRMU): Continued support for emergency financial assistance for payment of rent, mortgage and utilities. Rent or mortgage payments will be limited to 21 weeks per year per household and will be made directly to the landlord or mortgage company. No payments are made directly to a client. Utility payments will be limited to \$1,000 per year and will be disbursed directly to the utility company.

TENANT VOUCHERS HOUSING / CLIENT-BASED: Continued support to provide lower-income HIV/AIDS persons or families rental assistance to live in private, independent apartment units. The household assisted will be required to pay no more than 10% of its gross income or 30% of adjusted income for rent and utilities, whichever is greater. The voucher will pay the difference. A utility allowance will be used to determine utility costs.

PROJECT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE: Continued support for apartment units operated by nonprofit organizations for HIV/AIDS clients. Clients will be required to pay either 10% of gross income or 30% of adjusted income for rent and utilities whichever is greater.

HOUSING CASE MANAGEMENT / SUPPORT SERVICES: To provide housing service plans that establish or better maintain a stable living environment in housing that is decent, safe, and sanitary; reduces the risk of homelessness, and to improve access to health care and supportive services.

HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (HMIS): To provide an automated service delivery system connecting HOPWA resources with the lead Continuum of Care Agency that manages health care services and support under the Ryan White CARE Act.

ADMINISTRATION: HOPWA provides 3% of the total grant for administrative costs. These funds will be used to pay for staff, a sub-recipient monitoring firm and office space to operate the HOPWA program.