



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

**#13-0844**

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

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

**DATE:** July 2, 2013

**TITLE:** Adopt Resolution - Broward Redevelopment Program (BRP) Application

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution authorizing the submittal of an application for the NE 13<sup>th</sup> Street Complete Street Project from NE 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the FEC Railway for the Broward Redevelopment Program (BRP) Program.

**Background**

The Broward County Board of County Commissioners has announced a funding opportunity for local governments and Community Redevelopment Agencies for redevelopment projects in defined redevelopment areas that can demonstrate existing conditions of blight, high unemployment, and declining property values. The Broward Redevelopment Program (BRP) is a grant program created by utilizing \$15,000,000 from a prior Broward County redevelopment program – the Redevelopment Capital Program. The funding announcement advertised on May 1, 2013 will make \$7,500,000 available for cities to submit applications. Based on our review of the program application an eligible project includes property acquisition, public improvements, and interior build-out for economic development. The maximum funding amount for property acquisition or public improvement is \$1,500,000; the maximum funding amount for an interior build-out project is \$15 per square foot not to exceed \$150,000 or 50% of the interior build-out cost, whichever is less. Applications are due on July 15, 2013. A project selected for funding must be completed within three years of an executed inter-local agreement with Broward County.

On behalf of the Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency staff will submit an application for BRP funding for the NE 13<sup>th</sup> Street Complete Streets streetscape project. The 13<sup>th</sup> Street corridor is a major small and local business corridor within the heart of the Central City CRA district.

As identified on the City's Multimodal Connectivity Map the improvement project consists of roadway redesign, new wider sidewalks, on street parking, color enhanced bike lanes, in ground LED lights, shade trees and ADA improvements. The project is a long-standing goal of the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Alliance – a business association in the area – and the project is identified in the approved Community Redevelopment Plan.

Upon completion, the NE 13th Street Complete Streets project will encourage pedestrian activity and make it easier to walk to shops or bicycle to work. The project will improve safety, lower transportation costs, promote economic development, increase property values, foster a green environment and encourage a healthier community by encouraging walking and biking.

Improvements to the NE 13<sup>th</sup> Street are identified in the Community Investment Plan (CIP) and programmed for funding in FY 2018. The CIP project is outlined as an improvement project along 13<sup>th</sup> Street from NW 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue to NE 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The CIP is estimated at \$5,500,000 or \$250,000 per block including engineering, design and construction.

The Central City CRA Advisory Board passed a motion at its May 1, 2013 meeting requesting that city staff submit an application for BRP funding for the NE 13<sup>th</sup> Street Complete Streets streetscape project from NE 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to NE 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue (excluding the FEC Railway). The cost estimate for project limits recommended by the advisory board exceeds the maximum funding award available according to the redevelopment program guidelines. Based on a preliminary cost estimate of \$250,000 per block, city staff recommends limiting the improvement area to a six-block area, from NE 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue to just west of the FEC Railway, so that the preliminary cost estimate of \$1,500,000 will be equivalent to the maximum amount of \$1,500,000 that can be awarded to a redevelopment program applicant. Although no specific amount is required for a local match for this program, the program does require some form of a match, and it may consist of either a non-County funding match or an in-kind match. The Redevelopment Trust Fund created for the Central City CRA does not have funds at this time to provide a cash match. Staff recommends two local funding matches for the BRP application for the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Project. Matching funding for the project shall consist of \$100,000 from the Stormwater Fund to cover expenses associated with improvements to the stormwater system included in the Complete Street project and a \$5,000 contribution of cash and in-kind services from the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Alliance.

A resolution authorizing support of an application for funding from the Broward Redevelopment Program will also be considered by the Board of Directors of the Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency on July 2, 2013.

### **Resource Impact**

Funding is available in the Stormwater Fund

#### **FUNDS AVAILABLE:**

FUND	SUB FUND	FUND NAME	INDEX #	INDEX NAME	SUB OBJECT #	SUB OBJECT NAME	AMOUNT
470	01	Stormwater - Operations	FD470.01	Stormwater - Operations	9901	Anticipated Year End	\$100,000
TOTAL							<u>\$100,000</u>

Related CAM: 13-0845

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – BRP Program Application (Draft)

Exhibit 2 – Map of Project Area

Exhibit 3 – Complete Street Conceptual Design for NE13<sup>th</sup> Street Project

Exhibit 4 – 13<sup>th</sup> Street Alliance Funding Commitment

Exhibit 5 – Resolution

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