

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) PROGRAM

Call of Africa

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Executive Summary

Call of Africa, Inc. d/b/a Native Visions Galleries is a privately owned for profit corporation founded by President Ross Parker in 1987. The company is celebrating its 30th year in business this year. Their corporate offices have been located at 920 NE 13th Street since 1998. In addition, they operated Native Visions Gallery located at 817 Las Olas Blvd for 27 continuous years, relocating the gallery to Jupiter in December 2014. The company states: "We are a highly stable operation with annual revenues in excess of \$2,000,000."

Purpose of Funding

Call of Africa is requesting funding to complete the rehabilitation of their owned property located at 1646 NE 12th Terrace, Fort Lauderdale.

Populations Served

This Economic Development activity will bring an art gallery to the community and produce a minimum of five (5) new fulltime jobs for low to moderate-income households.

Outcome Measures

To provide 5 new fulltime jobs to low and moderate income households.

Previous Funding for the Past 3 FYs

FY 2017-2018: \$100,000.00 (anticipated award)

FY 2016-2017: \$0.00

FY 2015-2016: \$0.00

FY 2014-2015: \$0.00

Electronic application is on file with Housing and Community Development (HCD).

CITY COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PLAN PROJECTS

Light of Life Worship dba The Light Center

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Executive Summary

Light of Life Worship Center, d.b.a. The Light Center proposes to utilize the rehabilitated building to serve the needs of children by providing supplemental education to eligible students in the services area. Additionally, The Light Center will operate and provide food bank services to the elderly.

Purpose of Funding

The Light Center is requesting funding to complete the rehabilitation of the owned property located at 1100 NW 4th Street, Fort Lauderdale Florida 33311. The rehabilitated building will then be used to provide services to low to moderate-income neighborhood households. The services will include: 1) summer and afterschool program featuring the Science, Technology Engineering, and Math (STEM) curriculum to the students in the Northfork and Walker Elementary Schools, 2) mentoring redirection program for middle and high school students, 3) a job center in conjunction with Atlantic Vo-Tech and Career Source and 4) operate and provide food bank services to the elderly.

Populations Served

Serve low to moderate-income households with children and the elderly.

Outcome Measures

None identified at this point.

Previous Funding for the Past 3 FYs

FY 2017-2018: \$88,347.00 (anticipated award)

FY 2016-2017: \$0.00

FY 2015-2016: \$0.00

FY 2014-2015: \$0.00

Electronic application is on file with Housing and Community Development (HCD).

CITY COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PLAN PROJECTS

Turnstone

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Executive Summary

Wisdom Village Crossing is a 105-unit multifamily new construction affordable housing project. This housing project targets low income households who are at or below 60% area median income in Fort Lauderdale. The affordable housing project consists of studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom units. Wisdom Village Crossing is a project constructed adjacent to Progresso Pointe, located at 619 N. Andrews Ave. Turnstone states the “identified additional security measures are needed to provide optimal safety for the residents of Wisdom Village Crossing.” This addition will improve pedestrian accessibility to the parking garage and provide added security when vehicles access the secured garage area of the property.

Purpose of Funding

Turnstone Development is requesting funding to install a security gate access at Wisdom Village Crossing located at 619 N Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, 33311. The new development serves 105 low-income households who are at or below 60% area median income.

Populations Served

Serve 105 low-income households who are at or below 60% area median income.

Outcome Measures

To provide enhanced security for the 105 households who are at or below 60% of income at Wisdom Village Crossing.

Previous Funding for the Past 3 FYs

FY 2017-2018: \$40,000.00 (anticipated award)

FY 2016-2017: \$0.00

FY 2015-2016: \$0.00

FY 2014-2015: \$0.00

Housing Opportunities Project for Excellence, Inc (HOPE)

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Executive Summary

HOPE, Inc. is the only non-profit fair housing organization in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties currently engaged in testing for fair housing law violations, pursuing enforcement of meritorious claims, conducting fair housing education and outreach, and administering relocation and mobility counseling programs designed to prevent and eliminate discriminatory housing practices.

Purpose of Funding

US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that every municipality fund fair housing activities annually. HOPE Fair Housing Center will provide fair housing workshops that education and outreach to residents of the City on fair housing issues, rights and remedies. HOPE Fair Housing Center will also address and update the City's Analysis of Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing.

Populations Served

Provide Fair Housing workshops to City of Fort Lauderdale residents, businesses and non-profits that reside in CDBG eligible areas.

Outcome Measures

- Conduct seven (7) Fair Housing educational outreach sessions benefiting City of Fort Lauderdale residents. Distribute Fair Housing and Anti-Predatory Lending educational materials.
- Conduct three (3) housing/service provider trainings within the City of Fort Lauderdale, in addition to participation in one (1) City workshop for potential sub-recipients of federal funding that work with housing and housing related issues.
- Participate in two (2) community events within the City of Fort Lauderdale to distribute fair housing materials and educate the public of fair housing related issues.
- Conduct in partnership with other Broward Entitlement Jurisdictions, a National Fair Housing Month event in April 2017.
- Operate a housing discrimination HELPLINE that will be publicized and made available to provide residents of the City of Fort Lauderdale with (1) fair housing counseling, (2) predatory lending and (3) affordable able housing and housing related referrals
- Publish and distribute (4) issues of *The Forum* Newsletter for distribution to municipal staff, elected officials, service providers, and community members. The City of Fort Lauderdale will receive credit in the printing of the newsletter for its part in its publishing and distribution.

Previous Funding for the Past 3 FYs

FY 2017-2018: \$30,000 (anticipated award)

FY 2016-2017 \$30,000

FY 2015-2016 \$30,000

FY 2014-2015 \$30,000

HOPE was not required to submit an application, as it is a HUD requirement.

PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Women In Distress, Inc (WID)

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Executive Summary

Women In Distress, Inc (WID) is the only nationally accredited, state-certified full service Domestic Violence Shelter in Broward County Florida. WID addresses the critical needs of domestic violence victims that include emergency shelter, food, clothing, transportation and medical assistance in an environment where survivors can recover from the traumatic effects of victimization. As survivors and family members work on rebuilding their lives, they are provided with individual counseling and support groups that assists with healing process in a safe environment.

Purpose of Funding

CDBG funding will address the national goal that benefits low and moderate-income households. WID will provide emergency shelter and services to victims fleeing domestic violence in CDBG eligible service area. Survivors and family members will be provided shelter for up to 90 days including food, transportation, emergency personal supplies, clothing, advocacy services, therapy and counseling.

Populations Served

WID will provide emergency shelter and services to 50 survivors and family members fleeing domestic violence in CDBG eligible service area.

Outcome Measures

1. 80% of Fort Lauderdale shelter residents will partially or fully complete the goals outlined in their service plan.
2. 80% of Fort Lauderdale shelter residents will indicate and secure safe transitional or independent housing during departure.
3. From the total number of Fort Lauderdale residents who receive services, 15% of those shelter residents will be contacted within 90 days of leaving the shelter
4. Form the 15% of those who shelter residents within 90 days of exiting the shelter 70% will remain in safe housing.
5. 90% of Those Fort Lauderdale shelter residents will establish a safety plan within 72 hours of arriving at the shelter

Previous Funding for the Past 3 FYs

FY 2017-2018 \$50,000 (anticipated award)

FY 2016-2017 \$0.00

FY 2015-2016 \$45,000.00

FY 2014-2015 \$45,000.00

Electronic application is on file with Housing and Community Development (HCD).

PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Impact Broward

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Executive Summary

The Senior Companion Program at Impact Broward utilizes low-income adults 55 years and older to provide companionship, respite and supportive services to elderly individuals and caregivers weekly with the goal to enable both the volunteers and the clients to live independently at home with dignity.

Purpose of Funding

The CDBG funding will support eight (8) senior companion volunteers to provide four hour weekly in-home visits to 59 elderly individuals and caregivers who are residents of Fort Lauderdale during the contract year. The senior companions will provide companionship, supportive, respite services and provide information about community resources. The program has a double benefit to the volunteer enabling them to remain active and connected to their community and to the elderly individuals and their caregivers receiving respite and companionship services that enable them to live independently at home.

Populations Served

The CDBG funding will support eight (8) senior companion volunteers to provide four hour weekly in-home visits to 59 elderly individuals and caregivers who are residents of Fort Lauderdale during the contract year.

Outcome Measures

- 1. 85% of elderly individuals, disabled adults, and caregivers will report an improvement in their home environment, their nutritional condition or feel less lonely as a result of weekly visits by a senior companion.*
- 2. 80% of senior companions will report sharing information with their clients and linking them to community resources during monthly in-service meetings.*
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- 4. 90% of senior companions will report being more active and able to live independently in their own homes as a result of volunteering*
- 5. 90% of caregivers will report a reduction in their level of stress as a result of weekly respite services received from a senior companion volunteer.*

Previous Funding for the Past 3 FYs

FY 2017-2018: \$42,464 (anticipated award)

FY 2016-2017 \$25,040.00

FY 2015-2016 \$0.00

FY 2014-2015 \$0.00

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Purpose of Funding

CDBG funding will support Literacy Training, Employment Assistance and Support Coordinator Program. The Literacy Training program will have tutors who provide weekly literacy lessons to residents on-site in a designated private setting. The Employment Assistance Program will offer quarterly workshops. Using an employment counselor, quarterly workshops will provide training on basic skills needed to obtain and keep employment as well as appropriate workplace behaviors and ethics. The employment counselor will 1) evaluate current job skills, 2) assist with setting job goals, 3) assist in development, review of an individualized job placement plans, 4) provide resume assistance, 5) interview preparation and 6) placement and follow-up services for each participant. The on-site Family Support Coordinator (FSC) goal is to promote successful tenancies and help residents achieve and maintain maximum independence and self-sufficiency.

Populations Served

35 low-income residents who are at or below 60% area median income will receive Literacy Training, Employment Assistance Program and Family Support Coordinator services.

Outcome Measures

1. A minimum of 35 residents identified to participate in Family Support Program for literacy and employment assistance with 90% participation.
2. 100% of literacy training participants will complete on-site and community-based training, obtaining documentation of successful completion.
3. 85% of identified participants with identified need will complete requirements to obtain GED or certification pertinent to their career path
4. 75 % of underemployed participants will secure employment in a career path leading to wage progression and maintaining active employment for 6 months.
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Previous Funding for the Past 3 FYs

FY 2017-2018: \$27,268.00 (anticipated award)

FY 2016-2017: \$0.00

FY 2015-2016: \$0.00

FY 2014-2015: \$0.00

Electronic application is on file with Housing and Community Development (HCD).

PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES

FORT LAUDERDALE COMMUNITY CENTER, INC

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Executive Summary

Fort Lauderdale Community Center (FLCC) stabilizes families through short and long term aid for individuals and families who have lost their housing (i.e., loss of spousal income, disability, teen pregnancy, aged out of foster care, etc.).

Purpose of Funding

CDBG funding will support the national goal that benefits low and moderate-income individuals and families. Specifically, the project activity aims to assist families through short-term housing support, job skills training and job placement to transition families to self-sufficiency and into stable permanent housing.

Populations Served

Six low income individuals and/or families who recently lost their housing.

Outcome Measures

1. Upon intake, All 6 of the households served will receive a financial assessment to determine the projected monthly net income balance of income (net income minus the fixed monthly expenses).
2. At least 4 of Hope House households served will save a minimum 30% of their net income balance to move the household toward self –sufficiency within 10 months of intake.
3. Of the 4 households who saved from their net income, at least 2 will move to self-sufficiency with 12 months.
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