



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
CONFERENCE MEETING

#17-0597

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

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

DATE: June 6, 2017

TITLE: Public Hearing - Approving Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Entitlement Grant Programs through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) - **Request Deferment to June 20, 2017**

Each year, the City of Fort Lauderdale is required to submit an Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order to continue receiving funding for the City's Entitlement Grant Programs through HUD. The entitlement grant programs offered by the City of Fort Lauderdale include:

- HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME);
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); and
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA).

Congress has not released its preliminary entitlement allocations for fiscal year 2017-2018; however, in an effort to meet HUD's submittal deadlines staff anticipates the same allocations from the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

The 2017-2018 estimated allocations from HUD to the City for these programs are:

HOME	\$ 471,564.00
CDBG	\$ 1,475,549.00
HOPWA	\$ 6,744,845.00

A summary of proposed activities for these programs are located within the draft budget and narrative summary, attached as exhibit 1 and summarized below. This conference item is presented to provide the City Commission the opportunity to review, discuss and provide direction for FY 2017-2018 HUD spending. This discussion will assist staff in the development of the final Annual Action Plan, which will be presented to the Commission during a public hearing at the June 6, 2017 City Commission meeting.

HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)

Staff recommends the following distribution of HOME funds:

- **15%** – Community Housing Development Organization (*required HUD percentage*)
- **0%** – Housing Rehabilitation / Replacement
- **75%** – Purchase Assistance
- **10%** – Program Administration (*this is the maximum percentage permitted by HUD*)

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Requests for CDBG funds are received three ways: a competitive application process, unsolicited proposals and requests from City departments. Funding available to award minus administrative costs is **\$980,439.20**.

HUD permits 20% of the CDBG allocation to be set aside for program administration. Annually \$200,000 is set aside for administrative costs associated with construction, application processing and file underwriting.

CDBG requests are separated and defined in five categories as listed below and further explained in Exhibit 1. All categories are funded at the Commission's discretion; however, some categories have maximums and in the case of administration, to mitigate any potential budgetary impact on the General Fund the full 20% should be utilized.

- 1. Housing Programs** – Staff recommends funding rehabilitation for FY 17-18 through the State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Program funds; as such we are not recommending any rehabilitation using HOME or CDBG.
- 2. Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NSRA) Programs** - 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 consist of the contiguous low-income neighborhoods of the City, as identified by the 2010 Census. The NRSA is the low income target area that all HUD certified Community Based Development Organization's (CBDO) must operate. Within the NRSA, CBDO's can provide the following services: housing, community development, and economic development (including job training and education). Currently the City has two (2) HUD certified CBDO's. The funding request received this year is as follows:
 - H.O.M.E.S., Inc. - \$175,000.00
- 3. Public Service Activities** – while the Commission has the discretion to not award any Public Service Activity (*other than Fair Housing Activities*), the maximum amount of CDBG funds in this category cannot exceed 15% of the annual allocation.

- 4. Community Services Board (CSB) Public Service Category Recommendations:** The Community Services Board (CSB) met on April 24 and April 25, 2017 to rank the CDBG funding requests. A copy of their recommendations is provided as Exhibit 2. Additionally, the recommended performance indicators will be provided as part of the final Annual Action Plan which will be submitted for approval on June 6, 2017.

The CSB recommends funding the eligible top rated agencies seeking CDBG funding. When funding remains after the top rated agency is funded, other agencies are also considered for funding. The agencies recommended for CDBG assistance are as follows:

- **Women In Distress** - \$50,000.00
- **Impact Broward** - \$42,464.00
- **Turnstone Development** - \$27,268.00
- **Fort Lauderdale Community Center** - \$27,268.00
- **HOPE Fair Housing Center** - \$30,000.00*

* *HOPE was not reviewed by the CSB, as it is a HUD requirement.* Staff supports the requested funding amount for HOPE Fair Housing Center.

5. Other CSB funding Recommendations:

- **Call of Africa** - \$100,000.00

An economic development activity that will bring an art gallery to the community and produce a minimum of five (5) new fulltime jobs for low to moderate income households.

- **The Light Center** - \$88,347.00

The funding will be use to renovate facilities in order to offer needed programs to low and moderate income families in the community. The planned programs are summer and afterschool programs featuring the STEM (Science, Technology Engineering, and Math) curriculum to students in the neighborhood schools (Northfork and Walker). They will also offer a mentoring redirection program for middle and high school students and a job center in conjunction with Atlantic Vo-Tech and Career Source.

- **Turnstone Development** - \$40,000.00

The recipient will use the funds to install a security gate access to the new constructed Wisdom Village Crossing. Wisdom Village Crossing is a 105- unit multifamily affordable housing for families at or below 60% area median income.

6. Other funding Recommendations:

Staff recommends setting aside CDBG funding for Public Works and the CRA:

- **Public Works Department (CIP and NCIP Projects):** - \$300,000.00
- **Central City Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Programs**
- \$100,000.00

Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA):

The HOPWA Entitlement allocation is estimated at \$6,744,845. Proposed activities include:

- **ADMINISTRATION – City of Fort Lauderdale (\$196,451)**
- **HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (\$70,000)**
- **BROWARD HOUSE (\$3,368,657)**
 - Facility Based Housing
 - Project Based Rental Assistance
 - Tenant Based Rental Voucher
- **BROWARD REGIONAL HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL (\$2,036,737)**
 - Short Term, Rent, Mortgage and Utilities and Permanent Housing Placement (STRMU-PHP)
 - Tenant Based Rental Voucher (TBRV)
- **CARE RESOURCES (\$182,000)**
 - Non-Housing Supportive Services – Housing Case Management
- **LEGAL AID OF BROWARD COUNTY (\$150,000)**
 - Non-Housing Supportive Services – Legal Services
- **MOUNT OLIVE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (\$493,000)**
 - Project Based Rental (PBR) Assistance
- **SUNSERVE (\$248,000)**
 - Non-Housing Supportive Services – Housing Case Management

The Public Hearing is held to receive final approval on the draft Annual Action Plan, which will subsequently be submitted to HUD.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund. All HUD grant funds are provided on a reimbursement basis.

Strategic Connections

This item corresponds to the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative included within the Neighborhood Enhancement Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- 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 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Community*.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Proposed Budget and Narrative Summary

Exhibit 2 – Advertisement of Public Hearing

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