



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#23-0332

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

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: May 16, 2023

TITLE: Public Hearing and Motion Approving a Second Amendment to the Housing and Community Development 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan and a First Amendment to the 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission convene a public hearing to receive input on proposed amendments to the 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan and the 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan and approve a Second Amendment to the Housing and Community Development 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan and a First Amendment to the 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), to reallocate unspent funds in a total amount of Sixty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$62,000.00) CDBG public services funds to HOPE South Florida, Inc. and apply said funds towards Housing Case Management Services and reallocate unspent funds in a total amount of Six Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars (\$668,573.00) in HOPWA funds towards the Broward House Inc, and apply those funds towards increasing the number of Facility Based housing beds available to eligible HOPWA persons in Broward County.

Background

HOPE South Florida, Inc (Agency) has been operating a Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program since August 1, 2020. In this program, qualified households contribute 30% of their household income towards the cost of rent and the program pays the rent balance.

Through this program, one hundred and eleven (111) former homeless individuals received housing assistance. This represents a total of thirty-four (34) households, sixteen (16) of which received permanent housing. The table below reflects the compositions of those individuals served.

7a - Number of Persons Served					
	Total	Without Children	With Children and Adults	With Only Children	Unknown Household Type
Adults	43	13	30		0
Children	67		67	0	0
Client Doesn't Know/Client Refused	0	0	0	0	0
Data Not Collected	1	0	1	0	0
Total	111	13	98	0	0
For PSH and RRH - the total persons served who moved into housing	16	2	14	0	0

8a - Number of Households Served					
	Total	Without Children	With Children and Adults	With Only Children	Unknown Household Type
Total Households	34	9	25	0	0

The program has been successful and has had zero recidivism to date. The success of the program is attributable to the intensive case management model of the Agency. Case managers work with eligible families to formulate a realistic housing plan and equip those families with the life skills needed to obtain and maintain stable housing. The program has funding available to serve ten (10) additional households. However, due to lack of case management funding, referrals have been placed on hold. Approving this funding would allow services to resume for those currently experiencing homelessness.

Broward House, Inc. brought a request to the Community Services Board (CSB) on March 10, 2023, for unspent HOPWA funds in the amount of \$668,573.00. Broward House, proposed to use the funds to master lease and operate an additional Facility Based Housing site. Facility Based Housing is a housing model under the HOPWA program that operates like the traditional assisted living facility. It targets persons who are HIV positive, in poor health and are homeless or being discharged from the hospitals with no stable address.

Broward House currently operates a 53-bed facility, which is constantly at capacity. The demand for this kind of HOPWA service has outpaced the available beds across the County. Approving these funds will add fourteen (14) extra beds to alleviate what is fast becoming a Public Health concern.

Broward House's request was approved by the CSB, and staff were asked to present the item to the commission for final approval.

Resource Impact

There is no known fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a 2022 *Top Commission Priority*, advancing Homelessness and Housing Opportunities.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- Goal 4: Build a thriving and inclusive community of neighborhoods.
- Objective: Ensure a range of affordable housing options

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are Community, and We Are Prosperous.

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- The Housing Element
- Goal 1: The Comprehensive Plan shall support the provision of adequate sites for future housing, including affordable workforce housing.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Public Hearing Notice

Exhibit 2 – 2nd Amendment 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan

Exhibit 3 – 1st Amendment 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan

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