



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

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

**DATE:** January 7, 2014

**TITLE:** GRANT APPLICATION - Motion approving the submittal of a grant application to Broward County – Fort Lauderdale Chronic Homeless Housing Collaborative (CHHC) Project in the amount of \$455,000

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended the City Commission approve a motion authorizing the proper City officials to submit a grant application to Broward County as Broward County's partner in its Continuum of Care (CoC) grant application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to reduce homelessness by assisting homeless persons to move to self-sufficiency. The \$455,000 grant will support housing and supportive services during FY 2013.

**Background**

On September 18, 2012, the City Commission approved partnering with Broward County in its CoC application to HUD for the FY 2012 grant funds (CAM #12-2213). On December 17, 2013, after notification that the CHHC project was selected by HUD for funding, the City Commission authorized City officials to accept and enter into an agreement with Broward County, in the amount of \$440,117 (CAM #13-1592).

The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the FY 2013 and FY 2014 CoC Program competition was released on November 22, 2013. The City must submit its renewal application to Broward County by December 30, 2013 with the County's application deadline to HUD being February 3, 2014.

The purpose of the HUD CoC Homeless Assistance Grant Program is to reduce the incidence of homelessness by assisting homeless individuals and families move to self-sufficiency and permanent housing. The renewal project will continue to provide permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals and families identified as the most vulnerable from January 2015 through 2016.

The primary partners on the City's application, the Housing Authority of the City of Fort Lauderdale and Broward Partnership for the Homeless, Inc., will supply housing units and supportive services, respectively.

The following is a summary of the project:

- Timeframe is two years;
- Maximum grant award is estimated at \$455,000, annually;
- Administrative costs are estimated \$29,766 and will be shared with Broward County; and
- Match, cash or in-kind, of 25% is required. Staff will look to its project partners as a source of match funds, such as provided by the City's partners with the FY 2012 submission. Thus far, the United Way has pledged a \$30,000 cash match.

### **Resource Impact**

There is an anticipated positive impact to the City in the amount of \$455,000, annually. There is no current year budget impact.

### **Strategic Connections**

The development and implementation of a homeless strategy is a top priority of the FY 2014 Commission Annual Action Plan and supports Public Places goals and objectives. Specifically:

- **Goal 3:** Be a community that finds opportunities and leverages partnerships to create unique, inviting and connected gathering places that highlight our beaches, waterways, urban areas, and parks.
- **Objective 5:** Work with partners to reduce homelessness by promoting independence and self-worth through advocacy, housing, and comprehensive services.

This item also furthers the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We are Community*.

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