



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

#16-0470

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

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

DATE: May 3, 2016

TITLE: Draft Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Entitlement Grant
Programs through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban
Development (HUD)

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 released preliminary entitlement allocations for fiscal year 2016-2017. The allocations available to the City of Fort Lauderdale will include an increase in HOME (\$18,275), a slight increase in CDBG (\$4,842) and HOPWA received an increase of \$156,969 over last year's allocation.

The 2016-2017 estimated allocations from HUD to the City for these programs are:

HOME	\$ 471,564.00
CDBG	\$ 1,475,549.00
HOPWA	\$ 7,136,480.00

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 2016-2017 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 7, 2016 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)

For fiscal year 2016-2017, the total amount of this year's CDBG requests exceeds the amount of available funding. Requests for CDBG funds are received three ways: 1). competitive application process, 2). unsolicited proposals and 3). requests from City departments. There are 13 agency requests for fiscal year 2016-2017 totaling **\$1,909,497.00**. 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 so that there is not a budgetary impact on the City's general fund.

- 1. Housing Programs** – Staff recommends funding Rehabilitation for FY 16-17 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. Within the NRSA, CBDO's can provide the following services: housing, community development, economic development (including job training and education) activities. Currently the City has three (3) HUD certified CBDO's. Funding requests are:
 - Mount Bethel (Childcare Assistance Program and Family Resource Center) - \$350,000.00
 - H.O.M.E.S., Inc. - \$225,000.00

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 5, 2016 and April 11, 2016 to rank the CDBG Public Service 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 7, 2016.

The CSB recommends funding the eligible, top rated agency in the Public Service Categories, provided that the agency received a minimum average score of 75%. When funding remains after the top rated agency is funded, other agencies are also considered for funding. The agencies recommended for CDBG Public Service assistance are as follows:

- **Broward Partnership for the Homeless - \$31,419.00**
- **Care Resources - \$10,606.00**
- **Delta Education and Life Foundation- \$15,000.00**
- **Impact Broward- \$25,040.00**
- **Jack & Jill Children's Center - \$45,000.00**
- **Junior Achievement of South Florida, Inc. - \$20,000.00**
- **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 funding Recommendations:**

Other Public Service Activities: Staff has received the requests for funding in this category; however, since this category is not part of the CSB review, discussion will need to take place on which activities to fund. Please note that HUD requires that the City award funding for fair housing activities. HUD does not stipulate the required maximum or minimum funding for fair housing activities, as such the City has the discretion to decide the funding level for that activity. City staff recommends setting aside funding for Public Works and the CRA:

- a. **Public Works Department (CIP and NCIP Projects): - \$500,000**
- b. **Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Programs - \$100,000**
- c. **Jack and Jill Children's Center - \$400,000**
- d. **Grace Community Development Corporation - \$220,000**

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

The HOPWA estimate shows an increase of \$156,969. The HOPWA Entitlement allocation is approximately \$7,136,48.00.

Proposed Activities:

- **COFL ADMINISTRATION (\$214,094)**
- **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 (\$2,219,905)**
 - Short Term, Rent, Mortgage and Utilities and Permanent Housing Placement (STRMU-PHP)
 - Tenant Based Rental Voucher (TBRV)
- **CARE RESOURCES (\$262,412)**
 - Non-Housing Supportive Services – Housing Case Management
- **LEGAL AID OF BROWARD COUNTY (\$180,000)**
 - Non-Housing Supportive Services – Legal Services
- **MOUNT OLIVE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (\$493,000)**
 - Project Based Rental (PBR) Assistance
- **SUNSERVE (\$328,412)**
 - Non-Housing Supportive Services – Housing Case Management

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – Proposed Budget and Narrative Summary

Exhibit 2 – CSB CDBG Scores

Exhibit 3 – Jack and Jill funding request

Exhibit 4 – Grace Community Development Corporation funding request

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