

TO:	Honorable Mayor & Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
FROM:	Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager
DATE:	February 17, 2015
TITLE:	Transferring Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) Program Housing Units and Amending Broward House Contract

#### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission (1) accept the Community Services Board (CSB) recommendation and select Broward House, Inc., to operate the Project Based Rental Program

(2) consent (see Exhibit 3) to the transfer of the Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) units from the Housing Authority of City of Fort Lauderdale (HACFL) to Broward House to continue to operate units as part of the Project Based Rent (PBR) Program, provided Broward House, Inc. executes a new restrictive covenant, mortgage and such other necessary and proper documents as may be required by the City Attorney; (3) release HACFL from liability for actions which occur after the transfer of property (see Exhibit 4); (4) execute the Release, provided HACFL cooperates with the City in turning over records, files, leases and other information to the Broward House and provides an accounting according to HUD guidelines provided that the Release shall not release HACFL from liability for actions prior to the transfer of the property; and, (5) extend Broward House's 2013-2014 HOPWA agreement allowing Broward House to expend their remaining funds for the PBR Program and to authorize additional funds in the amount of \$49,600 to maintain these transferred units.

#### **Background**

In 2006, the City transferred ownership of two properties—a seven-unit apartment

— to the HACFL to be used for the HOPWA Program. As part of the transfer to the HACFL, the City placed a restrictive covenant on both properties (Exhibit 2). The restrictive covenant requires that these properties be used for HOPWA eligible activities for 10 years; if not, then the properties would revert back to the City.

On June 11, 2014 the HACFL advised the City that their focus has changed and it is their belief that the HOPWA participants would be better served if the Housing Authority returned the properties to the City (see Exhibit 1).

Housing and Community Development staff solicited applications from existing HOPWA

agencies in order to see if there was any interest to own or lease and operate these HOPWA properties. Two agencies submitted proposals, and on November 17, 2014 the CSB met to review and score the applications. The highest ranked agency was Broward House and followed by Broward Regional Health Planning Council. Based on the budget for the housing units being transferred from HACFL, Broward House will need an additional \$49,600 to operate these housing units. These funds will come from unspent and uncommitted HOPWA funds from fiscal year 2012-2013.

#### Resource Impact

These are federal funds and have no impact on the General Fund. The City is requesting allocation of HOPWA FY 2012-2013 Uncommitted Funds.

Funds available as of December 9, 2014									
ACCOUNT NUMBER/ INDEX CODE	INDEX NAME (Program)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code)	AMOUNT				
108-HP13TBD-8001	HOPWA FY12/13 UNCOMMITTED FUNDS	Grant Service/Program Funds	\$49,600.00	\$1,291,431.27	\$49,600.00				
			AMENDMENT	TOTAL ►	49,600.00				

### FUNDS AVAILABILITY LOCATION:

# FUNDS ALLOCATED TO:

ACCOUNT NUMBER/ INDEX CODE	INDEX NAME (Program)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code)	AMOUNT
108-HPTBD-8001	Broward House	Grant Service/Program Funds	\$49,600.00	\$49,600.00	\$49,600.00
			AMENDMENT	TOTAL ►	\$49,600.00

## Strategic Connections

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

- **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 Vision Plan 2035: We are community.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Email from HACFL dated June 11, 2014

Exhibit 2 – Restrictive Covenant

Exhibit 3 - Consent to Transfer

Exhibit 4 - Release

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