

December 7, 2016

Michael R. Wright MPA
Homeless Initiative Partnership/
Continuum of Care Administrator
115 S. Andrews Ave, Room A370
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Re: Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Grant Cooperative Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Wright:

This correspondence serves as a Letter of Support with respect to the “A Way Home” Continuum of Care’s (“CoC”) application to the Housing and Urban Development Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Grant committing City of Fort Lauderdale to work with the CoC in the development of a community plan for Youth, Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender, Questioning (LGBTQ) Youth and Parenting Youth 18-24 experiencing homelessness by participating in community planning process through the CoC Homeless Youth and Families committee. The City of Fort Lauderdale recognizes the Broward County “A Way Home” CoC as a leader in convening local providers and stakeholders to promote successful community integration for homeless, unaccompanied, LGBTQ, pregnant or parenting youth dedicated to bringing innovative health, behavioral health and supportive services coupled with permanent housing to youth experiencing homelessness.

For over eighteen (18) years, the County and CoC have funded and coordinated a comprehensive and integrated Homeless Continuum of Care network for persons experiencing homelessness, including youth, offering evidence-based and peer support interventions that empower youth to achieve self-sufficiency. The CoC and its collaborating partners are successfully impacting vulnerable youth experiencing homelessness in South Florida with a housing focused-oriented system of care.

The City of Fort Lauderdale is the largest municipality in Broward County serving the most vulnerable population through our comprehensive homeless strategy that leverages resources and unifies a collaborative effort to Ending Homelessness in Fort Lauderdale. The City’s partnerships represent an outstanding example of how homelessness needs to be addressed – by bringing together a variety of agencies and organizations to collaborate, share resources, and leverage strengths in a unified effort to comprehensively impact homelessness through the coordination and delivery of essential programs and services.

The City of Fort Lauderdale strongly commits to “A Way Home” CoC in its effort to provide develop a strategic comprehensive community plan that innovatively coordinates health, behavioral health and supportive services coupled with permanent housing for youth experiencing homelessness. The Broward CoC clearly possesses the experience, capacity, and commitment to effectively assist this population.

Very truly yours,

John P. “Jack” Seiler
Mayor