



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

#17-0111

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

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

DATE: February 7, 2017

TITLE: Motion to Award State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
Funds to HOPE South Florida, Inc. in the amount of \$159,860

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission award State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity funds for rapid rehousing to HOPE South Florida, Inc. (HOPE) in the amount of \$159,860 and delegate authority to the City Manager to prepare a Participation Agreement, subject to approval of the City Attorney's Office; and authorize and empower the City Manager to execute the Participation Agreement.

Background

On November 18, 2016, the Procurement Services Division issued Request for Proposal (RFP) 375-11843 for rapid rehousing. At the time of the initial closing of the RFP on December 20, 2016, only one proposal was received. The City extended the deadline to December 27, 2016 and staff conducted additional outreach to solicit more proposals. The City closed the solicitation on December 27, 2016 and HOPE submitted a collaborative proposal as the lead agency partnering with Broward Partnership for the Homeless, Inc. (Broward Partnership). This unique collaboration will serve individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness in Fort Lauderdale.

The proposal involves a new partnership between HOPE and Broward Partnership (the Collaborative), two of the largest providers of housing and shelter for the homeless individuals and families in Fort Lauderdale. While both agencies have cooperated historically as part of Broward County's homeless continuum of care, this will be the first time the agencies are collaborating on a joint grant and project implementation. The Collaborative bring their respective, existing networks to the partnership, including the local faith community.

The Collaborative proposes to provide three activities and has requested \$159,860 for the following costs:

- \$36,400 – Direct Housing Financial Assistance that includes allowable utility deposits, furnishings, bus passes, application fees, etc.;

- \$113,460 – Direct Support Services that includes but is not limited to case management and a housing specialist to conduct housing searches and placement services; and
- \$10,000 – Administration of the program, office equipment and office supplies.

The Collaborative is proposing to provide a \$13,581 as a match for a portion of their existing housing specialist and housing navigator salaries to ensure the program is compliant and the appropriate housing is obtained for each of the program participants.

Additionally, the Collaborative proposes the City retain the direct housing subsidy dollars and work in close coordination with the case managers, housing specialist and navigators to implement disbursement of the first and last security deposits and monthly rents directly from the City to landlords. Staff supports this collaboration as a demonstration of a true partnership between the State, the City, and our local service providers to provide time limited housing solutions with appropriate support serves to maintain housing for homeless individuals and families in Fort Lauderdale.

Resource Impact

Funds for this agreement in the amount of \$159,860 are available in the FY 2017 Budget in the accounts listed below and were appropriated on August 16, 2016, Commission Agenda Memo 16-0797:

Use:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB- OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Subobject)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Subobject)	AMOUNT
129-GHMLESS16-3299	Housing Assistance to Homeless- Rapid	Services & Materials/ Other Services	\$0	\$ 145,000	\$90,000.00
129-GHMLESS16-3601	Housing Assistance to Homeless- Rapid	Services & Materials / Electricity	\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000.00
129-GHMLESS16-3216	Housing Assistance to Homeless- Rapid	Services & Materials/ Costs, Fees, Permits	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000.00
129-GHMLESS16-3946	Housing Assistance to Homeless- Rapid	Services & Materials/ Tools & Equip < \$5,000	\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000.00
129-GHMLESS16-3925	Housing Assistance to Homeless- Rapid	Services & Materials/ Office Equip < \$5,001	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000.00
TOTAL →					\$130,000.00

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129-GHMLES16A-3299	Housing Assistance to Homeless- Rapid	Services & Materials/ Other Services	\$0	\$5,000	\$ 5,000.00
129-GHMLES16A-3322	Housing Assistance to Homeless- Rapid	Services/ Materials/ Other Facility Rental	\$0	\$25,000	\$ 24,860.00
				TOTAL →	\$ 29,860.00

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Commission Annual Action Plan* priority, included with the Policy Agenda, advancing the Comprehensive Homeless Strategy.

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included with the Public Places Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 3: Be a community that finds opportunities and leverages partnership 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.
- Initiative 2: Implement a comprehensive short and long-term strategy with community partners to address Homelessness.

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Solicitation

Exhibit 2 – HOPE South Florida, Inc. Proposal

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