



Proposed Annual Action Plan of the Consolidated Plan For the 2017-2018 Program Year

Narrative & Budget Summary

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Housing & Community Development (HCD) Division**



INFRASTRUCTURE



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**NEIGHBORHOOD
ENHANCEMENT**



**BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT**



PUBLIC SAFETY



INTRODUCTION

The federal government requires that an Annual Action Plan be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) before the City can receive certain federal funds, including funds under the following programs: HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME); Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG); and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS/HIV Program (HOPWA).

The 2017-2018 estimated allocations from HUD to the City for these programs are:

HOME	\$ 471,564.00
CDBG	\$ 1,475,549.00
HOPWA	\$ 6,744,845.00

The following sections outline the specific funding requests and recommendations for each program category.

HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES 2017-2018 HOME BUDGET	\$471,564.00
CHDO Set Aside	\$ 70,734.60
Housing Rehabilitation/Replacement	\$0.00
Purchase Assistance	\$353,673.00
Administration	\$ 47,156.40

CHDO SET ASIDE: The City is required to set-aside 15% of its annual HOME allocation for an eligible Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO). These non-profit organizations are committed to develop affordable housing in the communities they serve. A formal RFP process will be used to select the CHDO(s), which will receive the assistance. CHDO assistance may be provided in the form of a no interest loan, low interest loan and/or forgivable loan.

HOUSING REHABILITATION/REPLACEMENT: Funds will be used to provide assistance to eligible homeowners throughout the City to bring their homes up to standard condition and to construct new homes for eligible homeowners whose units are beyond repair. These funds will be targeted in areas that support addressing code concerns and other City projects. Rehabilitation assistance is also available to assist non-profit owners of single and multi-family properties, serving eligible clients. The assistance will be provided in the form of 0% interest deferred loans. The maximum award per unit is \$205,000.

Since staff proposes to fund rehabilitation through the State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Program, we recommend not setting aside rehabilitation funds using the HOME Program.

PURCHASE ASSISTANCE: Funds will be used to provide purchase assistance to qualified homebuyers in the form of First Mortgage Loans, deferred payment Second Mortgages, and infill housing assistance that is paid directly to the developer. Second mortgage assistance can be applied toward down payment, closing costs and or principle reduction for the purchase of eligible owner-occupied housing, which includes single-family homes, town homes and villas. These funds will be targeted in areas that support addressing code concerns and other City projects. The maximum award per unit is \$75,000. The maximum award per City-owned infill housing unit is \$140,000.

ADMINISTRATION: The City is permitted to use 10% of its annual HOME allocation for administration and sub-recipient monitoring of HOME programs.

The City further requests to use the High Cost 221(d)(3) limits for the HOME Program or the maximum allowable limits permitted by HUD.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR 2017-2018 BUDGET:

\$ 1,475,549.00

<u>CDBG ACTIVITIES REQUESTING AGENCIES</u>	<u>FUNDING APPROVAL IN 2016 – 2017</u>	<u>FUNDING REQUESTS FOR 2017 – 2018</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2017 – 2018</u>
<u>HOUSING PROGRAMS</u>			
• Barrier-Free	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>
• Rehabilitation	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>
<u>NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION STRATEGY AREA (NRSA) *</u>			
• Housing Opportunities, Mortgage Assistance & Effective Neighborhood Solutions, Inc. (H.O.M.E.S., Inc.)	\$ <u>175,000.00</u>	\$ <u>175,000.00</u>	\$ <u>175,000.00</u>
<i>* There is no minimum or maximum cap in this category.</i>			
<u>OTHER CDBG ACTIVITIES</u>			
• Community Redevelopment Agency	\$ <u>100,000.00</u>	\$ <u>200,000.00</u>	\$ <u>200,000.00</u>
1. Call of Africa (\$100,000)			
• Public Works Department (CIP/NCIP Projects)	\$ <u>208,644.20</u>	\$ <u>500,000.00</u>	\$ <u>300,000.00</u>
1. Golden Heights Homeowners Association (P11799)			
• The Light Center		\$ <u>88,347.00</u>	\$ <u>88,347.00</u>
• Turnstone Development		\$ <u>95,000.00</u>	\$ <u>40,000.00</u>
<i>* There is no minimum or maximum cap in this category.</i>			
<u>PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES*</u>			
• Women In Distress	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>50,000.00</u>	\$ <u>50,000.00</u>
• Impact Broward	\$ <u>25,040.00</u>	\$ <u>42,464.00</u>	\$ <u>42,464.00</u>
• Turnstone Development	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>40,000.00</u>	\$ <u>27,268.00</u>
• Fort Lauderdale Community Center	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>50,000.00</u>	\$ <u>27,268.00</u>
• HOPE Fair Housing Center	\$ <u>30,000.00</u>	\$ <u>30,000.00</u>	\$ <u>30,000.00</u>

** The total amount of Public Service funding provided cannot exceed 15% of the total CDBG Allocation which is projected to be \$177,065.00.*

CDBG ADMINISTRATION AND PROGRAM INCOME

• General Administration	\$ 295,109.80	\$ 295,109.80	\$ 295,109.80
• Rehabilitation Administration	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
• Anticipated CDBG Program Income (projected earnings)	N/A	\$ 200,000.00	N/A

* The General Administration cap cannot exceed 20%. The Rehabilitation Administration is commonly known as project delivery costs. The Anticipated Program Income is not guaranteed. If the City does receive program income, then those funds must come back to the City Commission for award.

HOUSING PROGRAMS

BARRIER-FREE: This program is designed to remove barriers, improve accessibility to the elderly (62 years of age or older) and disabled persons, and to provide for health and safety repairs. The maximum award per unit is \$50,000. *Since the State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Program, requires a mandatory set aside for special needs assistance, we recommend not setting aside barrier-free funds through the CDBG Program.*

REHABILITATION: Funds are used to make emergency plumbing, roofing, electrical and structural repairs to owner occupied homes occupied in the areas of greatest need. It is our plan to identify at least two (2) streets and provide repairs to those homes. The maximum award per unit is \$205,000. *Since staff proposes to fund rehabilitation through the State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Program, we recommend not setting aside rehabilitation funds using the CDBG Program.*

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION STRATEGY AREA (NRSA)

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 are: N.W. 7th Avenue on the east; Broward Boulevard on the south; I-95 on the west; and Sunrise Boulevard on the north. The target area has been designed to be of manageable and efficient size, so that proposed activities can be accomplished within a five-year time frame.

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES, MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE & EFFECTIVE NEIGHBORHOOD SOLUTIONS, INC.

(H.O.M.E.S., Inc.): H.O.M.E.S., Inc. is seeking funding to support their Supportive Housing and Self Sufficiency Program under the Transitional Independent Living (TIL) Program for youth aged from foster/relative care. This program provides support services to at risk youth to prevent homelessness through employability skills training, internships and job placements (temporary and permanent), financial literacy education and emergency assistance for food and transportation.

Funding Request for this Activity: \$175,000.00

Clients to be served: 16

OTHER CDBG ACTIVITIES

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) PROGRAMS: The City shall support eligible community development projects, housing projects and/or economic development projects within the Central City CRA; and assist with their job creation efforts.

1. **CALL OF AFRICA:** Call of Africa is requesting funding to complete the rehabilitation of the property they own located at 1646 NE 12th Terrace, Fort Lauderdale. This Economic Development activity will bring an art gallery to the community and produce a minimum of five (5) new fulltime jobs for low to moderate-income households.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PROJECTS: Funds are utilized to address public works projects which include, but are not limited to: Business Capital Improvement Program (BCIP), Capital Improvement Program (CIP), and the Neighborhood Capital Improvement Program (NCIP). The projects identified are as follows:

1. Safety Street Improvements (Project # xxxxx) – \$300,000.00

This is a Transportation and Mobility (TAM) Department project. The limits of this project are from Sunrise Blvd to NE 13th Street. The project includes reassignment of the right-of-way for lane reduction, median, and traffic calming. This project could possibly include traffic circles and the addition of bicycle lanes. This would be necessary to be in compliance with the Lake Ridge Mobility Master Plan that is being completed with the neighborhood.

The City conducted a Safety Study, and Mobility Master Plan with the Lake Ridge Neighborhood which identified key safety issues to address and prioritized this project. This project will improve safety by adding traffic calming, bicycle facilities, and addressing the concerns from the neighbors regarding speeding, conflicts at the Publix /Walgreens area, and cut-through traffic. The project is a high priority in the Connecting the Blocks Program, and will help to implement the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan. There have been 57 accidents reported over the past five years in this three-block area with the concentration of accidents being in the Publix / Walgreens area. Five pedestrians and 3 bicyclists were hit between Sunrise Blvd and NE 11th St. There has also been a recent speed study conducted that illustrated an issue with speeding within this project area.

THE LIGHT CENTER: The Light Center is requesting funding to complete the rehabilitation of the property they own located at 1100 NW 4th Street, Fort Lauderdale Florida 33311. The facility will be used to provide services to low to moderate-income households. The services will include; summer and afterschool program featuring the STEM (Science, Technology Engineering, and Math) curriculum to the students in the neighborhood schools (Northfork and Walker Elementary Schools), Mentoring redirection program for Middle and High school students, and a job center in conjunction with Atlantic Vo-Tech and Career Source.

TURNSTONE DEVELOPMENT: Turnstone Development is requesting funding to Install Security gate access at Wisdom Village Crossing located at 619 N Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, 33311. The new development serves 105 low-income households who are at or below 60% area median income.

PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES

The Public Service agencies that carry out these activities are recommended for funding by the Community Service Board (CSB). While there is not a minimum threshold on funding for Public Service Activities, HUD requires that no more than 15% of CDBG funds be used toward this activity.

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES PROJECT FOR EXCELLENCE, INC. (a.k.a. HOPE Fair Housing Center) – Fair Housing Activities: HUD requires that every municipality fund fair housing activities annually. HOPE Fair Housing Center provides fair housing education and outreach to residents of the City on fair housing issues, rights and remedies. HOPE Fair Housing Center will also address and update the City's Analysis of Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing.

Funding Recommendation for this Activity: \$30,000

Outcome: Fair Housing Workshops and other activities

WOMEN IN DISTRESS, INC.: Funds will be used to address the National goal that benefits low and moderate-income households. Women in Distress (WID) are the only nationally accredited, state-certified Full service Domestic Violence Shelter in Broward County Florida. WID provides emergency shelter and services to survivors fleeing domestic violence in CDBG eligible service area. Survivors are provided shelter for up to 90 days including food, transportation, emergency personal supplies, clothing, advocacy services, therapy and counseling.

Funding Recommendation for this Activity: \$50,000.00

Clients to be served: 50

IMPACT BROWARD, INC.: Funds will be used to address the national goal that benefits low and moderate income persons programming services for senior citizens. The Senior Companion Volunteers program provides individualized services to assist frail elderly and disabled adult clients to reduce isolation, positively impact their mental health, improve their quality of life, and assist them to maintain dignity and live independently as long as possible. The program is designed to match a client in need of services who lives within 5-10 miles of the recruited volunteer. This is to include the hiring of 8 to 12 senior companions.

Funding Recommendation for this Activity: \$42,464.00

Clients to be served: 50-59

TURNSTONE DEVELOPMENT: Funds will be used to address the national goal that benefits low and moderate-income families residing in the Wisdom Village Crossing affordable housing project. The project will make the following services available to residents; literacy training, employment assistance, and family support services coordination.

Funding Recommendation for this Activity: \$27,268.00

Clients to be served: 20

FORT LAUDERDALE COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.: Funding will be used to address the national goal that benefits low and moderate-income individuals and families. The project aims to stabilize families through short-term housing support, job skills training, job placement and transition support into stable permanent housing.

Funding Recommendation for this Activity: \$27,268.00

Clients to be served: 7

CDBG ADMINISTRATION

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION: Funding for program administrative costs related to planning, execution of community development activities and sub-recipient monitoring. The City is limited to 20% of its CDBG annual allocation for general administrative costs. With the reduced overall funding levels for HUD programs, the full 20% of Administration funding is required in order to not have an impact on the City's General Fund.

REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION: This line item is known commonly as project delivery costs. It is used to cover salaries and benefits of eligible HCD staff that work within the CDBG and HOME programs. The type of eligible costs under this category is costs for the housing inspectors and staff that perform underwriting duties.

Housing Opportunities For Persons With HIV/AIDS (HOPWA)

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES 2017-2018 HOPWA BUDGET: **\$ 6,744,845.00**

**RECOMMENDED FUNDING
FOR 2017 – 2018**

➤ **Administration** **\$ 196,451.00**

- **Homeless Management Information System** **\$ 70,000.00**
- **Programmatic Funds** **\$ 6,478,394.00**
 - **Broward House (\$3,368,657.00)**
 - 1) Facility Based Housing – \$1,223,721
 - 2) Project-Based Rental Assistance – \$806,564.00
 - 3) Tenant-Based Rental Voucher – \$1,438,372.00
 - **Broward Regional Health Planning Council (\$2,036,737.00)**
 - 1) STRMU-PHP – \$816,747.00
 - 2) Tenant-Based Rental Voucher – \$1,219,990.00
 - **Care Resources**
 - 1) Non-Housing Supportive Services: Housing Case Management – \$182,000.00
 - **Legal Aid of Broward County**
 - 1) Non-Housing Supportive Services: Legal Services – \$150,000.00
 - **Mount Olive Development Corporation**
 - 1) Project-Based Rental Assistance – \$493,000.00
 - **SunServe**
 - 1) Non-Housing Supportive Services: Housing Case Management – \$248,000.00

FACILITY BASED HOUSING (FAC): Provision of housing in a multi-person, multiunit residence designed as a residential alternative to institutional care; to prevent or delay the need for such care; and to provide a transitional setting with appropriate supportive services. With facility-based housing, the expectation is that participants will be in need of some level of supportive services in order to maintain stability and receive appropriate levels of care. HOPWA regulations require the sponsor to certify that they will give residents an adequate level of support and work with qualified service providers, accessing such support in an ongoing manner. This includes all HOPWA housing expenditures, which provide support to facilities, including community residences, Single Room Occupancy dwellings, short-term or transitional facilities, other housing facilities as approved by HUD.

Each client may only stay on the program for 365 days. If the client requires a longer stay, the agency must submit extension request City. Requesting an extension does not mean an extension will be given. The City may grant a maximum of two 6 month extensions. Each resident must have a housing plan. Housing plan incorporates measurable tasks that will transition the client to another subsidy or self-sufficiency. Measurable tasks at 0-45 days to stabilize client, 46-90 days, 91-180 days, 181-270 days (at this point, client should planning for transition), 271-365 days and on day 365 transition off to another subsidy or private housing. Provides resources to develop and operate community residences and other supportive housing.

SHORT-TERM, RENT, MORTGAGE & UTILITIES (STRMU): Continued support for emergency financial assistance for payment of rent, mortgage and utilities. Rent or mortgage payments will be limited to 13 weeks per year per household with maximum of 39 weeks over life time. Clients may request a waiver for additional services units that do not exceed 21 weeks. Payments are be made directly to the landlord or mortgage company. No payments are made directly to a client. Utility payments and will be disbursed directly to the utility company.

TENANT VOUCHERS HOUSING / CLIENT-BASED: Continued support to provide lower-income HIV/AIDS persons or families rental assistance to live in private, independent apartment units. The household assisted will be required to pay no more than 10% of its gross income or 30% of adjusted income for rent and utilities, whichever is greater. The voucher will pay the difference. A utility allowance will be used to determine utility costs. Payments are be made directly to the landlord or mortgage company. No payments are made directly to a client. Utility payments and will be disbursed directly to the utility company.

PERMANENT HOUSING PLACEMENT: Continue to provide clients with move in assistance and cost associated with obtaining permanent housing that include a) Application fees and credit checks; b) First months, last months and security deposits (not to exceed two months' rent); c) Security deposits are program funds that are returned to the program when the assisted client/tenant leaves unit; d) One time utility connection fees and processing cost. Payments are be made directly to the landlord company. No payments are made directly to a client. Utility connections and will be disbursed directly to the utility company.

PROJECT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE: Continued support for apartment units operated by nonprofit organizations for HIV/AIDS clients. Clients will be required to pay either 10% of gross income or 30% of adjusted income for rent and utilities whichever is greater. Payments are be made directly to the landlord or mortgage company. No payments are made directly to a client. Utility payments and will be disbursed directly to the utility company.

NON-HOUSING SUPPORTS: HOUSING CASE MANAGEMENT: Continue to *provide* no direct financial assistance (i.e., no housing subsidy). Responsible for developing housing service plans that establish or better maintain a stable living environment in housing that is decent, safe, and sanitary, reduce the risk of homelessness, and improve access to healthcare for *clients who are not receiving FAC, PBR or TBRV services*. Provider assists to clients in applying for STRMU or PHP assistance. Continue shall collaborate with the Provider who provides Legal services. *Provider may assist clients who are transitioning off FAC, PBR or TBRV subsidy to self-sufficiency.*

NON-HOUSING SUPPORTS: LEGAL SERVICES: Continue to provide no direct financial assistance (i.e., no housing subsidy). HOPWA activity includes advocating on clients behalf. This program type is responsible for providing legal advice and/or direct legal representation to clients who were referred by Non-Housing Subsidy Case Management program for the following issues a) Eviction/Foreclosures, b) Three Day notice, c) Land Lord Tenant issues on executed (signed) leases and d) Unit Habitability. Provider may not represent clients who are challenging HOPWA termination for program violations.

HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (HMIS): To provide an automated service delivery system connecting HOPWA resources with the lead Continuum of Care Agency that manages health care services and support under the Ryan White CARE Act.

ADMINISTRATION: HOPWA provides 3% of the total grant for administrative costs. These funds will be used to pay for staff, a sub-recipient monitoring firm and office space to operate the HOPWA program.