



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

#17-1327

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

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

DATE: November 7, 2017

TITLE: Motion to Ratify Sheltering and Temporary Power (STEP) Program Sub-Agreement

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission pass a motion to ratify the Cooperation Agreement with Broward County to provide the Sheltering and Temporary Power (STEP) Program. This would allow the City to participate in the STEP Program to expedite emergency temporary repairs on qualified homes that were rendered uninhabitable by Hurricane Irma and receive cost-reimbursement from the County. The ratification would authorize the City Manager to execute all documents related to the acceptance of this Program (Exhibit 1).

Background

On September 28, 2017, the Federal Emergency Management Agency authorized the implementation of the STEP Program to address any ongoing sheltering needs by providing the most basic, life sustaining emergency repairs to single family, owner-occupied residential properties including duplexes and townhomes damaged by Hurricane Irma; it does not include recreational vehicles or houseboats, commercial properties and commonly owned areas, structures or equipment. This Program will enable families whose homes were damaged due to Hurricane Irma to take shelter in their own homes while repairs are made.

STEP does not allow the restoration of homes to their pre-disaster condition. Temporary emergency repairs under STEP cannot exceed \$20,000 per residence. Additionally, the repairs must be limited to those that make the home safe for sheltering purposes. If a home cannot be made safe for shelter purposes for less than the cap, that property is not eligible for STEP assistance. All work completed must comply with the Federal Procurement Standards.

Eligible emergency work includes providing elements necessary for survivors to safely shelter at home (Exhibit 2).

The State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management shall receive the funds from

FEMA and disburse these funds to Broward County. The County will reimburse the City for the funds expended on eligible repairs at the completion of the City STEP Tasks (Exhibit 3).

Resource Impact

The County through federal grant funds will reimburse the City for the funds expended on eligible repairs at the completion of the City STEP Tasks (Exhibit 3).

Source:

<i>Funds available as of October 26, 2017</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
129-GSTEP18-C323	STEP Pilot Program	Intergovernmental Revenue/ DHS - FEMA Pass Thru Broward County	\$0	\$0	\$100,000
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$100,000

Use:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
129-GSTEP18-3428	STEP Pilot Program	Services & Materials / Building Repairs and Maintenance	\$0	\$0	\$100,000
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$100,000

Strategic Connections

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

- 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 - STEP Cooperation Agreement with Broward County

Exhibit 2 - STEP Eligible Work

Exhibit 3 - City STEP Tasks

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