

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE CONSOLIDATED PLAN PROPOSED HOPWA PROGRAM AMENDMENT (30 Day Public Comment Period)

The City of Fort Lauderdale is considering amending fiscal years 2015-2016 and 2017-2018 Annual Action Plans of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) program. In accordance with the Substantial Change Policy of the City's HUD approved Consolidated Plan, any change in HOPWA assisted activity as a result of the addition or cancellation of a program or a change in the purpose, scope, location or beneficiary of an activity, requires a program amendment to the Annual Action Plan of the Consolidated Plan. The City of Fort Lauderdale's program amendment and substantial change policy requires Commission Approval and public input at a public hearing after proper notice has been published for a 30-day public comment period.

The 1st proposed amendment as requested by the Fort Lauderdale City Commission would allocate the unspent FY 14-15 and 15-16 HOPWA funds in the following manner:

1. Allocate up to \$3,000 of uncommitted funds to allow HOPWA Project Sponsors to utilize Go Section 8 software for determining rent reasonableness and locate affordable units that were not included in the FY 2017-2018 allocations. These funds must be expended by 9/30/2018;
2. Allocate up to \$75,000 of uncommitted funds to City's Housing and Community Development Division for Housing Quality Standards Code Compliance Officer position that was not included in the FY 2017-2018 allocations. These funds must be expended by 9/30/2018; and
3. Allocate up to \$308,647.12 of uncommitted funds to Broward House for the Facility Based housing program. These funds must be expended by 9/30/2018. Broward Houses contractual award for FY 2017-2018 will not increase.

The 2nd proposed amendment as requested by the Fort Lauderdale City Commission would allocate additional FY 17-18 HOPWA funds in the following manner:

1. Up to \$80,000 of additional FY 17-18 funds to Care Resource's for the Housing Case Management program. This would increase their contractual award \$182,000 from \$262,000.
2. Up to \$80,000 of additional FY 17-18 funds to SunServe's for the Housing Case Management program. This would increase their contractual award from \$248,000 to \$328,000.
3. Up to \$30,000 of additional FY 17-18 funds to Legal Aid for the Housing Case Management program. This would increase their contractual award from \$150,000 to \$180,000.
4. Increase the City's 3% administration funds from \$196,451 up to \$216,139.47.

The 3rd proposed amendment as requested by the Fort Lauderdale City Commission would extend the current HOPWA Provider Agreements for three consecutive annual renewals (FY 18-19, FY 19-20 and FY 20-21).

These are federal funds and have no impact on the general fund budget. These amendments are in accordance with HUD regulations and will allow the projects to proceed to completion.

In accordance with federal regulations, the City is hereby establishing a 30-day public comment period to receive input on the proposed amendment to its Annual Action Plans of the Consolidated Plan. Comments on the proposed change(s) may be submitted to the City of Fort Lauderdale, Housing & Community Development Division, 914 Sistrunk Blvd. Suite #103, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33311. Public comments on these items will be accepted during the 30-day public comment period from October 18, 2017 to November 19, 2017. All comments must be received by November 19, 2017. The City will evaluate all comments received during the comment period, and the final amendment will be submitted to the Commission at a public hearing on November 21, 2017. Public input will also be accepted at this public hearing on this amendment. A copy of the final amendment will be available for public review at the Housing and Community Development Division at the above address during regular office hours. At the close of the public hearing, the City Commission will consider a motion approving the program amendment to the Annual Action Plans of the Consolidated Plans.

Commission meetings are held in the City Commission Chambers in City Hall located at 100 North Andrews Avenue at 6:00 p.m. Prior to that meeting, if you would like more information on the nature or location of the projects affected, or if you would like to comment on the proposed changes during the public comment period, you should contact the Rachel Williams in the Housing & Community Development Division, 914 Sistrunk Blvd. Suite 103, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33311 at (954) 828-4755, TTD/TTY (954) 828-5069 or mdesantis@fortlauderdale.gov.

Informacion disponible en espanol telefono 954-828-4530. Pou plis kesyon ki nan kreyòl, tanpri rele 954-828-4527. If you desire oral interpretation of at any public meeting or hearing, please advise the City of Fort Lauderdale that you have Limited English Proficiency (LEP) within 10 days prior to the meeting and we will ensure the appropriate person is available to assist you and interpret for you at the meeting or hearing.

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