



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#17-1190

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

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

DATE: November 21, 2017

TITLE: Public Hearing to Extend the Contractual Period for Housing Opportunities
for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA)

Recommendation

At the October 9, 2017 Community Services Board (CSB) meeting, HOPWA providers requested a three year extension (FY 2018-2019, FY 2019-2020 and FY 2020-2021) to their HOPWA contracts. CSB recommends that the City Commission approve extending the HOPWA contracts for two years (FY 2018-2019, FY 2019-2020). HCD staff recommends extending the contractual period for one additional year for a total of three years.

Background

The Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program, which has been operating under the same statute and regulations as established in 1992, changed to reflect current HIV epidemic trends with the passing and signing of Public Law 114-201. This new law includes the modernization of the HOPWA formula, along with provisions related to other U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) programs.

The law provides that HOPWA modernization will begin in Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and will be phased in over 5 years to avoid highly volatile shifts in either direction for any one jurisdiction. During the 5-year phase-in, jurisdictions will not gain more than 10% or lose more than 5% of the share of the total available formula funds that the jurisdiction received in the preceding fiscal year. These caps will give communities time to adjust and plan for new allocation amounts with help from HUD's technical assistance providers.

From FY 2018 - FY 2022, it is estimated that the City of Fort Lauderdale's jurisdiction may receive an approximate reduction of 2.1 million dollars. Through careful planning and implementing annual cost constraint mechanisms, the City of Fort Lauderdale's jurisdiction has unspent funds to cover the reduction.

HCD staff recommends extending the contractual period for one additional year for a total of three years. This would allow HCD staff, HOPWA providers and HUD technical

assistance providers enough time to develop a plan to minimize the disruption of services at the beginning of FY 2021-2022 when most of the unspent funds are exhausted. Additionally, the three year extension would align with the historical Request for Funding Proposal (RFP) cycle.

HCD staff contacted HUD's technical assistance provider regarding the permissibility of extending the contracts for an additional three (3) years. Based on their written response, there are no HUD or HOPWA prohibitions from extending the contracts (Exhibit 2).

Resource Impact

The federal HOPWA grant will reimburse the City for the funds expended on eligible HOPWA activities.

Strategic Connections

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

- **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 - Published Program Amendment Advertisement

Exhibit 2 - HUD Response Regarding Contractual Extension

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