

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

#16-0612

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

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

DATE: June 7, 2016

TITLE: Public Hearing - Approving Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2016-2017
Entitlement Grant Programs through the U.S. Department of Housing and
Urban Development

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission determine the allocations for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, HOME Investment Partnership Program, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) Program. Further, it is recommended that the City Manager be authorized to execute the necessary documents associated with the Annual Action Plan and its submittal to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by August 15, 2016.

Background

Each year, the City of Fort Lauderdale is required to submit an Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order to continue receiving funding for the City's Entitlement Grant Programs through HUD. The entitlement grant programs offered by the City of Fort Lauderdale include:

- HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME);
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); and
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA).

Congress has released preliminary entitlement allocations for fiscal year 2016-2017. The allocations available to the City of Fort Lauderdale will include an increase in HOME (\$18,275), a slight increase in CDBG (\$4,842) and HOPWA received an increase of \$156,969 over last year's allocation.

The 2016-2017 estimated allocations from HUD to the City for these programs are:

HOME	\$ 471,564.00
CDBG	\$ 1,475,549.00
HOPWA	\$ 7,136,480.00

A list of the recommended activities for each program is provided below and described in more detail as Exhibit 1.

HOME Programs - \$471,564

- CHDO SET ASIDE (\$70,734.60): The City is required to set-aside 15% of its annual HOME allocation for an eligible Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO).
- PURCHASE ASSISTANCE (\$353,673.00): 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.
- ADMINISTRATION (47,156.40): The City is permitted to use 10% of its annual HOME allocation for administration and sub-recipient monitoring of HOME programs.

At the May 3, 2016 Conference Meeting, the Commission narrowed down the CDBG activities, but we were still approximately \$400,000 over budget. Staff has reviewed the requests and spoken with some of the CDBG agencies and we propose the following:

CDBG Programs - \$1,475,549

- 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. Funding is recommended for the following organizations;
 - H.O.M.E.S. Inc. (\$175,000)
 - Mount Bethel Family Resource Center – \$200,000
- Central City and Northwest Progresso Flagler Heights CRA eligible activities (\$100,000)
- Public Works Department (CIP/NCIP) – \$500,000
- Grace Community Development Corporation – \$120,000
- PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Public Service agencies that carry out certain activities are recommended for funding by the Community Service Board (CSB).
 - Broward Partnership for the Homeless (\$31,149)
 - Care Resources (\$10,606)
 - Delta Education and Life Foundation (\$15,000)
 - Impact Broward (\$25,040)
 - Housing Opportunities Project for Excellence, Inc. (\$30,000)
 - Jack and Jill Children's Center (\$45,000)
 - Junior Achievement of South Florida, Inc. (\$20,000)
- Administrative costs associated with general administration and housing rehabilitation administration (\$495,109.80)
- Projected program income (\$200,000)

The City has approximately \$320,000 in CDBG Program Income that can be used to

plug the gap. This would be consistent with the process used last year to fund the remaining CDBG requests. To use the CDBG funds, we would need to do a program amendment and identify which agency will be awarded the 2015-2016 CDBG funds.

HOPWA Programs - \$7,136,480

- BROWARD HOUSE (\$3,388,657)
 - Facility Based Housing
 - Project Based Rental Assistance
 - Tenant Based Rental Voucher
- BROWARD REGIONAL HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL (\$2,219,905)
 - Short Term, Rent, Mortgage and Utilities and Permanent Housing Placement (STRMU-PHP)
 - Tenant Based Rental Voucher
- CARE RESOURCES (\$262,412)
 - Non-Housing Supportive Services – Housing Case Management
- LEGAL AID OF BROWARD COUNTY (\$180,000)
 - Non-Housing Supportive Services – Legal Services
- MOUNT OLIVE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (\$493,000)
 - Project Based Rental Assistance
- SUNSERVE (\$328,412)
 - Non-Housing Supportive Services – Housing Case Management
- HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (\$70,000): Funds are used 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 (\$214,094): HOPWA provides 3% of the total grant for administrative costs.

The Public Hearing is held to receive final approval on the draft Annual Action Plan, which will subsequently submitted to HUD.

Strategic Connections

This item corresponds to the *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 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Community*.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact.

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – Proposed Budget and Narrative Summary

Exhibit 2 – Advertisement of Public Hearing

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