



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#17-1458

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

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

DATE: December 19, 2017

TITLE: Motion Extending the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
Service Agreement with Housing Opportunities, Mortgage Assistance, and
Effective Neighborhood Solutions, Inc. (H.O.M.E.S.)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission extend the service agreement through January 31, 2018 with Housing Opportunities, Mortgage Assistance, and Effective Neighborhood Solutions, Inc. (H.O.M.E.S.) for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

Background

On June 7, 2016, CAM #16-0612 (Exhibit 1), the City Commission approved the funding of \$175,000.00 to H.O.M.E.S as a part of the Annual Action Plan (Exhibit 2) submitted to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

Funding is awarded on an annual basis to an eligible Community Based Development Organization (CBDO) to conduct services associated with job creation and affordable housing. H.O.M.E.S. is an eligible CBDO that provides job skills training and affordable housing to youths that are aging out of the foster care system. H.O.M.E.S. utilized \$152,929.79 and has a remaining balance of \$22,070.21. They are requesting an extension because their Chief Financial Officer left the organization abruptly. As a result, the agency did not capture, document and request reimbursement for all eligible grant costs. H.O.M.E.S. has outlined in an email (Exhibit 3) how they plan to utilize the \$22,070.21 that remains on the contract.

Staff recommends that the City Commission grant the extension of the service agreement (exhibit 4) through January 31, 2018.

Resource Impact

There is no current fiscal year impact associated with this CAM. This extension will allow the expenditure of unspent CDBG funds currently appropriated.

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 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Community*.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Commission Agenda Memo 16-0612

Exhibit 2 – Proposed Budget and Narrative Summary 2016-2017

Exhibit 3 – Email from H.O.M.E.S., Inc. Requesting Extension

Exhibit 4 – H.O.M.E.S., Inc. FY 16-17 Executed Contract

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