



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

**#18-0072**

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

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

**DATE:** January 23, 2018

**TITLE:** Motion to Approve First Amendment to Chronic Homeless Housing  
Collaborative Grant (CHHC) Agreement with Broward County for  
\$516,706 for FY 2018

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a motion authorizing the City Manager to accept the Chronic Homeless Housing Collaborative Grant (CHHC) first amended agreement with Broward County for \$516,706 for the purpose of providing permanent supportive housing and supportive services to the most vulnerable chronically homeless in Fort Lauderdale. The amended agreement includes a change of scope authorizing a change from a leasing assistance program to a rental assistance program effective July 1, 2017, that increases the funding for additional housing units from 22 housing units to 26 housing units so more chronically homeless individuals and families are provided the appropriate housing solution and support services.

**Background**

On August 28, 2012, the City of Fort Lauderdale was accepted to become Broward County's partner in a 2012 Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care Competition. The City submitted an application for a project designed to provide permanent supportive housing for the chronically homeless. As one of 235 United States communities taking part in the 100,000 Homes Campaign, the City of Fort Lauderdale identified the most vulnerable chronically homeless people in our community and successfully placed twenty homeless individuals and two homeless families in permanent supportive housing in 2014.

This is a reimbursable HUD grant that will be administered by Broward County as provided in the agreement, in substantially the form attached as Exhibit 1. Further, the City Attorney's Office recommends the County add the following language to the last sentence in the Agreement Addendum, Exhibit I, Article 4, Section 4.11:

"The obligations of this section shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of this agreement, but no longer than the statute of limitations as recognized by HUD."

This additional language will ensure the City's obligation for repayment would expire when the statute of limitations recognized by HUD expires.

The grant award is divided into four separate units as follows:

Rental Assistance	\$315,588
Supportive Services	112,012
Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	4,000
Administration	15,106
Total	<u>\$446,706</u>

(Note: The total amount is after Broward County subtracted their administrative costs in the amount of \$15,106 from the total \$461,812 HUD award.)

The grant agreement requires a minimum match of 25% of all grant funds expended. The CHHC collaborative partners have agreed to renew their commitment of cash matches and in-kind services as follows:

**Cash Match**

City of Fort Lauderdale	Administrative Services	\$ 50,000
City of Fort Lauderdale	Utilities	<u>20,000</u>

**In-Kind Match**

Broward Partnership for the Homeless Support Services	<u>\$ 50,000</u>
<b>Total Match</b>	<b>\$ 120,000</b>

In addition, the Police Department Outreach team and the Taskforce Fore Ending Homelessness will continue to assist in identifying the most vulnerable homeless population and the Salvation Army will continue to provide emergency shelter.

The City also intends to renew the sub-agreements with its CHHC project partners, Broward Partnership for the Homeless, The Salvation Army of Broward County, United Way of Broward County, and the Taskforce Fore Ending Homelessness. Staff will bring these renewed agreements before the City Commission in the near future.

The City's partners on this CHHC project are either non-profits or a governmental agency and pursuant to the City Code of Ordinances Section 2-189(c) may be exempt from the City's competitive process. Staff recommends approving the Chronic Homeless Housing Collaborative Grant agreement with Broward County for \$446,706 for continuity of providing permanent supportive housing and supportive services for the most vulnerable chronically homeless in Fort Lauderdale for 2018.

### **Resource Impact**

There is a positive fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$446,706 from grant resources with a required City cash match of \$70,000. The appropriation of funds is contingent upon the approval of the budget amendment that will be before the City Commission on February 6, 2018, and will be listed as CAM 18-0089.

#### **Source**

<b>Funds available as of</b>					
<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>INDEX NAME (Program)</b>	<b>CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME</b>	<b>AMENDED BUDGET (Character)</b>	<b>AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
129-GHOMEL18A-C320	Chronic Homeless Housing Grant HUD CTY	Intergovt Revenue/ HUD pass thru Broward County	\$0	\$0	\$446,706.00
001-FD001-9129	General Fund	Other Uses/ Transfer to Misc Grants	\$1,050,408	\$1,050,408	\$70,000.00
<b>Appropriation Total →</b>					<b>\$516,706.00</b>

#### **Use**

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129-GHOMEL18A-3322	Chronic Homeless Housing Grant HUD CTY	Services- Materials/ Other Facility Rent	\$0	\$0	\$315,588.00
129-GHOMEL18A-3299	Chronic Homeless Housing Grant HUD CTY	Services- Materials/ Other Services	\$0	\$0	\$131,118.00
129-GHOMEL18-4327	Chronic Homeless Housing Grant Match	Other Operating Expense/ Service Charge - City Manager	\$0	\$0	\$50,000.00
129-GHOMEL18-3601	Chronic Homeless Housing Grant Match	Services & Materials/ Electricity	\$0	\$0	\$20,000.00
<b>Appropriation Total →</b>					<b>\$516,706.00</b>

### **Strategic Connections**

This item is a *Commission Annual Action Plan* priority, included with the Policy Agenda, advancing the Comprehensive Homeless Strategy.

This item is a Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018 initiative, included with the Public Places Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 3: Be a community that finds opportunities and leverages partnership to create unique, inviting and connected gathering places that highlight our beaches, waterways, urban areas, and parks.
- Objective 5: Work with partners to reduce homelessness by promoting independence and self-worth through advocacy, housing, and comprehensive services.

- Initiative 2: Implement a comprehensive short and long-term strategy with community partners to address Homelessness.

This item also furthers the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We are Community*.

**Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – First Amendment to Agreement between Broward County and City of Fort Lauderdale

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