



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

#18-0104

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

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

DATE: March 6, 2018

TITLE: Motion Extending the Housing Opportunities Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Service Agreement with Groupware Technologies, Inc. (GTI)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission extend the service agreement with Groupware Technologies, Inc. (GTI) through September 30, 2018.

Background

On June 7, 2016, the City Commission approved CAM #16-0612 (Exhibit 1) which included the funding of \$70,000.00 to GTI 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. Funds allocated for the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) 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. GTI utilized \$55,870 and has a remaining balance of \$14,130.

GTI was unable to complete the contract because the City was waiting on guidance from HUD regarding specific data elements associated with tracking HOPWA program income for HOPWA agencies, Continuum of Care Point in Time (PIT) count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC).

As a result, GTI was unable to complete or bill for the enhancements because the billing invoice would have exceeded the September 30, 2017 contractual deadline. HCD staff recommends that the City Commission grant the extension of the service agreement through September 30, 2018 to allow for the enhancements.

Resource Impact

The federal HOPWA grant will reimburse the City for the funds expended on eligible HOPWA activities. This extension will allow the expenditure of unspent FY 16-17 HOPWA funds.

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

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