



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

#19-0363

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: May 7, 2019

TITLE: Motion to Approve Amendments to the Annual Action Plans for Fiscal
Years 2015-2016, 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 for the Community
Development Block Grant Program - **(Commission District 3)**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the substantial amendment for the allocation of \$500,000 of uncommitted Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") funds (2015-2016, 2016-2017 and 2017-2018) and unencumber \$500,000 of CDBG funds (2017-2018) from three ADA public pool projects (Exhibit 1).

Background

The substantial change policy of the City's Housing and Urban Development (HUD) approved Consolidated Plan requires a program amendment to the Annual Action Plans of the Consolidated Plan, if there is a change in the purpose, scope, location, or beneficiary of an activity. The City of Fort Lauderdale's program amendment and substantial change policy requires Commission approval after proper notice has been published for a thirty-day open comment period. This amendment is being undertaken to provide the City with additional options to meet the CDBG timeliness ratio, which will be conducted by the U. S. Housing and Urban Development office on August 2, 2019. Failure to meet the CDBG timeliness ratio test puts the City in jeopardy of losing future CDBG funding.

This amendment will allow the City flexibility in meeting the CDBG timeliness ratio. The funds will be allocated to a CDBG Minor Home Repair project that will provide eligible owner-occupied homes with: roof repairs, doors, toilets, exterior painting, drywall repairs, air conditioning units and updated electrical panels.

Alternatively, these funds may be used to finance eligible site clearing and soft cost activities for the L.A. Lee YMCA/Mizell Community Center project located at: 1409 Sistrunk Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33311. The option of funding the L.A. Lee YMCA/Mizell provides the City with an alternative if the rehabilitation projects face obstacles that will prevent the City meeting the CDBG timeliness ratio test on August 2, 2019.

It is our intent to aggressively fund CDBG Minor Home Repair projects. Should future funding be at risk, I recommend we proactively position ourselves to fund an alternate project.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund. The federal CDBG grant will reimburse the City for the funds expended on eligible activities.

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 Vision Plan 2035: We Are Community*.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Commission Agenda Memo 18-0210

Exhibit 2 – 30-Day Public Notice

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