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Executive Summary

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1. Introduction

The City of Fort Lauderdale's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan provides a five-year trajectory of how federal entitlement funding will be used to revitalize the community. The plan provides a comprehensive strategy to address housing, economic, and general community development needs. The City receives an annual entitlement for HOME Investments Partnerships, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Program income generated from Neighborhood Stabilization Programs 1 and 3 will also be viable as a resource during this consolidated planning period. The City receives State Housing Initiative Partnerships (SHIP) that will be leveraged in achieving the goals set forth in this plan.

The allocation priorities and objective of the plan are driven by citizens, City Commission, community partners and stakeholders. The plan can be considered an excerpt of the City's Comprehensive Plan "Advance Fort Lauderdale". You may view the full draft of the City's Comprehensive Plan at <u>www.advancefortlauderdale.com</u>.

Advance Fort Lauderdale provides a comprehensive template of the City's primary focus for the next ten years. The elements of Advance Fort Lauderdale are the areas identified through research, community forums, small group sessions, Broward County collaboration and stakeholder input. The elements are:

- Housing
- Historic Preservation
- Parks and Recreation
- Conservation
- Coastal Management
- Solid Waste Management
- Climate Change
- Economic Development
- Education

The 2020-2024 HUD Consolidated Plan will further Advance Fort Lauderdale by concentrating efforts on the plan elements of housing, and economic development. In addition to the main elements of housing and economic development, the HUD consolidated plan will provide a granular level of support that will serve as a structure to promote the success of Advance Fort Lauderdale. The granular support mechanism will take the form of public services and neighborhood capital improvement and infrastructure projects.

<u>Housing</u>

- Develop and expand affordable housing stock and create an array of affordable housing choices through homeownership and rentals
- Provide housing and support services for the homeless through a targeted rapid rehousing and homelessness prevention strategy
- Increase access to social services with special emphasis on seniors
- Revitalize the City's aging housing stock through residential rehabilitation programs for seniors and eligible homeowners
- Continue to provide housing and supportive services for persons with HIV/AIDS
- Support new and existing community revitalization activities
- Continue to support fair housing initiatives and provide fair housing education for Fort Lauderdale residents
- Rapid rehousing and support services

Economic Development

Partner with the City's Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) to create economic development incentives to attract needed businesses and create jobs to benefit low to moderate income families within the City limits. This partnership will provide opportunities for façade improvement to low-income residential rental units, create business incubators for small business education and growth as well as other economic incentives.

Public Services

The services offered under this category will be reflective of the community needs. The needs identified during this planning cycle are senior care, infant and early childhood care, support services for the homeless, support services for the physically disabled, ongoing support for survivors of domestic violence, and youth aging out of foster care These groups appear to be the most vulnerable in our community and require ongoing support to maximize their full potential.

Neighborhood Capital Improvement and Infrastructure

Under this category the City will invest a portion of its CDBG entitlement funding for street improvements, removal of architectural barriers from public facilities and the provision of emergency equipment in eligible fire stations.