



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#20-0496

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: July 7, 2020

TITLE: Resolution Approving the Use of Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS
CARES Act (HOPWA-CV) Award and Delegating Authority to the City
Manager to Execute Associated Agreements - **(Commission Districts 1, 2,
3 and 4)**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the use of the HOPWA-CV funds of \$1,035,298.00 as recommended by the Community Service Board (CSB) and the associated substantial amendment to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan for the allocation of these funds in response to the impacts of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Additionally, it is also recommended that the Commission delegate authority to the City Manager to execute service agreements and contracts associated with these funds.

Background

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) was passed on March 27, 2020. This bill responds to the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) outbreak and its impact on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals, and businesses. Through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Cares Act grant funds were allocated to local governments to prepare and respond to the impacts of COVID-19. The CARES Act provided a series of Statutory Waivers and Suspensions to allow municipalities to respond quickly to COVID-19.

To use CARES Act funds and allocate grant funds in response to COVID-19, the City must notify HUD of its intent to utilize HOPWA-CV waivers and suspensions under the Cares Act. The City must post a public notice for a minimum of five days before conducting the amendments to Annual Action Plans and Consolidated Plan.

The Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan was amended to incorporate the use of HOPWA CARES Act entitlement funds based on recommendations from the Community Services Board as follows:

HOPWA-CV Award \$1,035,298.00

City's Program Administration \$62,118.00

COVID-19 Emergency Hotel Vouchers, Short Term Rent Mortgage and Utility Assistance:
Broward Regional Health Planning Council- \$757,551.00

COVID-19 Facility Based Housing Costs
Broward House - \$174,826.00

COVID 19 Food Assistance:
Mount Olive Development Corporation - \$40,803.00

Resource Impact

There will be no impact to the City's general funds. The amendments and activates here in will be executed using CARES Act and Entitlement funds awarded by HUD.

<i>Funds available as of June 25, 2020</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
108-HOPWA-CV-REV	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS- COVID-19	Grant Services/COVID Cares Act	\$0	\$0	\$1,035,298
PURCHASE TOTAL ►					\$1,035,298

Strategic Connections

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- Goal 4: Build a thriving and inclusive community of neighborhoods.
- Objective: Affordable Housing incentives

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision Plan 2035*: We are here.

Related CAM

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Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Resolution

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