



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

**#20-0897**

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

**FROM:** Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** November 17, 2020

**TITLE:** Public Hearing Amending the Housing and Community Development  
Amended 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan and the 2015-2019 Amended  
Consolidated Plan in Response to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic  
Security Act Waivers - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission convene a public hearing to receive public input, approve a second substantial amendment to the amended 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan and 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, and accept a second allotment of Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CDBG CARES Act) grant funding in the amount of \$1,640,833.

**Background**

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) became a law on March 27, 2020. Described legislation responds to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic outbreak and its impact on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals, and businesses. Through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), CARES Act grant funds were allocated to local governments to prepare for and respond to impacts of COVID-19. In a letter dated September 11, 2020, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) notified the City of a new allotment of CDBG CARES Act funds (Exhibit 1).

The COVID-19 outbreak has caused severe economic hardship to the local community, resulting in loss of jobs and housing instability for many Fort Lauderdale residents. Approving the proposed amendments will allow the City to accept additional resources to create temporary housing relief for low-income residents of Fort Lauderdale who have been most impacted by the economic downturn.

The City's Housing and Community Development Division will amend the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan and 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan to reflect the CDBG CARES Act funding of \$1,640,833. The proposed use of funds, contingent on final approval by HUD, will be as follows:

Housing Reentry and Support Services \$ 500,000  
Rental Assistance and Support Services \$700,000

Activity Delivery Costs \$112,666.40

Administrative Costs \$328,166.60

### **Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

### **Strategic Connections**

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

- Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- Goal 4: Build a thriving and inclusive community of neighborhoods.
- Objective: Work with partners to reduce homelessness by promoting independence and self-worth through advocacy, housing, and comprehensive services.
- Objective: Ensure a range of affordable housing options.

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

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Notice of Funding Allocation HUD

Exhibit 2 – Public Notice for Comment Period

Exhibit 3 – Second CARES Act Amendment to 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan

Exhibit 4 – Second CARES Act Amendment to 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan

Exhibit 5 – Notice of Public Hearing

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