

RESOLUTION NO. 21-236

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$906,510 THROUGH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-CORONAVIRUS (CDBG-CV) PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, it is recommended that the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, convene a Public Hearing to evaluate all comments received during the comment period for the submission of a grant application to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for funding of \$906,510 through the Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) program; and

WHEREAS, in April 2020, pursuant to passage of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocated additional CDBG-CV funds to the State of Florida to address issues related to the impacts of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity announced the availability of these additional funds for Small Cities and Entitlement Units of local government under the CDBG-CV program; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG-CV programs are designed to help local governments prepare for, prevent, or respond to the health and economic impacts of COVID-19. The activities must be critical to their locality and primarily used for the benefit of low- and moderate-income residents; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida's CDBG-CV allocation methodology uses a formula that acknowledges a baseline level of housing and community development needs and accounts for geographic differences in COVID impacts (both health and economic impacts); and

WHEREAS, as an entitlement community, the City of Fort Lauderdale is eligible to request funds up to \$906,510; and

WHEREAS, to address the City's continuing COVID-19 recovery efforts, the Housing and Community Development division is requesting the grant funding and proposes the grant funds to be distributed in accordance with the needs of the community for Broadband Internet Access for low-income areas: \$756,510, Education Enrichment Activities: \$100,000, and Administrative Costs: \$50,000, as identified in the planning meetings held on August 13, 2021 and August 27, 2021, respectively.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the City Commission hereby supports and authorizes the City Manager or his/her designee to submit an application to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for grant funding in the amount of \$906,510 through the State administered Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) program.

SECTION 2. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents relating to the submission of the grant application to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

SECTION 3. That the office of the City Attorney shall review and approve as to form all documents prior to their execution by City officials.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon final passage.

ADOPTED this 21st day of October, 2021.



Mayor
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:



City Clerk
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI