



Broward County

Legislation Text

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Broward County Commission Regular Meeting

Director's Name: Leonard Vialpando

Department: Resilient Environment **Division:** Housing Finance Division

Information

Requested Action

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE County Administrator to amend Broward County's Five Year Strategic Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Years 2015-2019 and 2020-2024 and the accompanying Annual Action Plans for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") Community Planning and Development Grants; reprogramming funds and revising Emergency Solutions Grant Coronavirus (ESG-CV2) funds, received through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act; authorizing the County Administrator to take all necessary administrative and budgetary actions for implementation of the changes, to submit the amendment to HUD, and to execute agreements, amendments, and reinstatements with subrecipient(s) of funding for the respective ESG-CV2 Program, subject to approval as to form by the Office of the County Attorney.

Why Action is Necessary

Board action is required to amend Five Year Strategic Consolidated Plans and Annual Action Plans for HUD to reallocate funding allocations and priorities, award funding to subrecipients, and to authorize the County Administrator to take all necessary budgetary and administrative actions to implement these changes.

What Action Accomplishes

Approves changes to the Five Year Strategic Consolidated Plans and associated Annual Action Plans, approves award to the recommended subrecipient, and authorizes the County Administrator to take all necessary budgetary and administrative actions.

Is this Action Goal Related

Yes

Previous Action Taken

None taken.

Summary Explanation/Background

THE RESILIENT ENVIROMENT DEPARTMENT AND HOUSING FINANCE DIVISION RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE ABOVE MOTIONS.

This item supports the Board's value: Offering sustainable, compatible, innovative housing options for all income-levels, including integrated, permanent supportive housing, and the corresponding goal of increasing the availability of affordable housing of all types, countywide in every community using effective, uniform criteria, policies, and strategies.

On June 1, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved Agenda Item No. 30, allocating \$2,743,790 in ESG-CV2 funds to rental assistance/homeless prevention activities as needed. The funds are required to be fully expended prior to September 30, 2022. The County's Housing Finance Division (HFD) partnered with the County's Family Success Administration Division (FSAD) for the administration of these funds.

Since then, the County has received over \$85,945,843 in funding from federal emergency rental assistance programs through the Consolidated Appropriations Act and the American Rescue Plan Act. These larger federal assistance funds are less stringent and provide longer assistance periods than the ESG-CV funding. As a result, \$2,500,000 in ESG-CV funds cannot be expended through the current rental assistance strategy by the September 30, 2022, deadline.

The HFD is requesting the reallocation of the ESG-CV balances from the rental assistance/homeless prevention activities to a single-family/multi-family acquisition and/or acquisition and rehabilitation activity for temporary emergency shelter services, as permitted by the CARES Act, to pay for temporary emergency shelters for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. After the regulatory requirements for the use of temporary emergency shelter, the units can convert to emergency shelter, and other non-temporary uses following 24 CFR 576.102(c)(1).

HFD has conducted outreach and consultation with the public through a public notice, and has consulted with FSAD, the Human Services Department and other stakeholders. After coordination with the Continuum of Care/Emergency Shelter recipient organizations, Henderson Behavioral Health has demonstrated the ability to locate and purchase eligible property prior to the September 30, 2022, deadline. A maximum of \$2,500,000 will be allocated to this activity and will create a minimum of ten additional units, and a minimum of 15 persons will be assisted annually with temporary shelter.

This motion allows the County to make the necessary changes to the Five Year Strategic Consolidated Plans and associated Annual Action Plans; make necessary regulatory, project eligibility and programmatic changes; reallocate funding priorities and approve the award of funds to the recommended organization; and authorizes the County Administrator to execute an agreement with Henderson Behavioral Health.

Source of Additional Information

Ralph Stone, Director, Housing Finance Division, 954-357-5320.

Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary

No fiscal impact