Agenda Report



2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way Viera, FL 32940

Public Hearing

7/6/2021

Subject:

Public Hearing: RE: Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Brevard County HOME Investment Partnerships Program Consortium One Year Annual Action Plan

Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Year - 2020-2021- There will be no impact to the General Fund.

Fiscal Year - 2021-2022 - There will be no impact to the General Fund.

This action will identify potential expenditure strategies in the HOME Investment Partnerships Program grant Cost Center 1472-303052 and Community Development Block Grant Cost Center 1470-303051.

Dept/Office:

Housing and Human Services

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners conduct a public hearing, as required by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, for the purpose of receiving public comments on the strategies set forth in the HOME Investment Partnerships Program and Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan. No vote is required for the first public hearing.

Summary Explanation and Background:

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires recipients of HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds and Community Development Block Grant funds to prepare an Annual Action Plan which covers a one-year period from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022. The one-year plan is an implementation guide for the broad goals and priorities outlined in the current Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), HUD provided an one-year extension for the five-year Consolidated Plan, which now covers the period October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2022. The Annual Action Plan will serve numerous community planning functions; as both a document and a process. It is a collaborative initiative whereby a community establishes priorities for its housing and community development activities.

The Brevard County HOME Consortium, which consists of Brevard County (as the Lead Agency) and the cities of Titusville, Cocoa, Melbourne and Palm Bay, must prepare and submit as one document an Annual Action Plan using goals and priorities established in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. Consortium Members work together to develop strategies on how HOME funds and other identified resources will be utilized to assist very low-income households (maximum income \$36,300 for a family of 4) and low-income households (\$58,100 for a family of 4) in achieving decent, safe and affordable housing.

The HOME Investment Partnerships Program allocations for the Consortium Members are awarded to the County and issued through disbursement agreements on a reimbursement basis. The County is estimated to receive \$509,767.09 and the cities are estimated to receive \$738,636.91 (Titusville- \$137,376.72, Cocoa-\$81,562.93, Melbourne- \$261,694.64, and Palm Bay- \$258,002.62).

Each Consortium Member formulates its own separate Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan. Within their respective jurisdictions, Community Development Block Grant funds can be used for public facilities and improvements, public services, as well as other activities. Unlike HOME Investment Partnerships Program funding, each Consortium Member receives a direct Community Development Block Grant allocation from The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. The County will receive an estimated \$1,443,617.

Public Meetings on the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan was advertised and held on May 20, 2021 during the Affordable Housing Council meeting and on May 18, 2021 during the Community Development Block Grant meeting. The final Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan (incorporating any public comments received) will be presented for approval at the second public hearing to the Board of County Commissioners on July 20, 2021.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

None

ATTACHMENTS:

Ad for Public Hearing
Draft Annual Action Plan