



Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

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Viera, FL 32940

Legislation Text

File #: 3302, **Version:** 1

Subject:

Approval, Re: United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Urban County Agreements and Re-Qualification for Fiscal Years 2022, 2023, and 2024

Fiscal Impact:

There will be no impact to the General Fund.

Dept/Office:

Housing and Human Services

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners (1) approve and authorize the Urban County re-qualification with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) fund, (2) authorize the automatic renewal of Cooperative Agreements with 7 municipalities for fiscal years 2022, 2023 and 2024, (3) authorize the County Attorney to send a mandatory opinion letter to HUD, and (4) authorize the Director of the Housing and Human Services Department to transmit the renewed agreements and any supporting documents to HUD.

Summary Explanation and Background:

The Brevard County Housing and Human Services Department (HHS) is re-applying for Urban County re-qualification status with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This process occurs every three years and is necessary for the County to remain an entitlement community for the receipt of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds. As an Urban County, Brevard County must qualify by having a total combined population of 200,000 or more (excluding metropolitan cities) from the unincorporated areas and participating incorporated municipalities.

Brevard County may not undertake essential community development and housing activities within the geographical boundaries of municipalities without the consent of the governing body of the locality. The current Urban County agreements (attached) with partner municipalities automatically renew unless the County or municipalities provide written notice of their election not to participate in a new qualification period. These agreements are with the municipalities of Cocoa Beach, Indialantic, Indian Harbour Beach, Melbourne Village, Palm Shores, Rockledge, and Satellite Beach. All of these municipalities have been contacted and expressed interest (attached) in remaining partners for fiscal years 2022, 2023, and 2024.

Additionally, the County must also submit an opinion letter from the County Attorney (attached) to

HUD regarding the continuing authority and legality of the Agreements.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

None