



# Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

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## Legislation Text

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### **Subject:**

Public Hearing RE: Brevard County HOME Investment Partnerships Program Consortium Five Year Consolidated Plan 2022-2026 and Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan

### **Fiscal Impact:**

Fiscal Year 2022-2023: There will be no impact to the General Fund. Grant funds are budgeted in HOME Investment Partnerships Program Cost Center 1472-303052 (estimated \$550,883.45) and Community Development Block Grant Cost Center 1470-303051 (\$1,372,105).

### **Dept/Office:**

Housing and Human Services

### **Requested Action:**

It is requested that the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners:

- (1) approve the Fiscal Year 2022-2026 Brevard County HOME Consortium Five Year Consolidated Plan and the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan,
- (2) authorize the Chair to execute the required certifications and SF-424 HUD Application for Federal Assistance,
- (3) authorize the County Manager to execute the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Grant Agreements,
- (4) authorize the County Manager to sign Disbursement Agreements with the four Brevard HOME Consortium member cities upon approval from HUD, Risk Management and the County Attorney's Office,
- (5) authorize the County Manager or his designee to sign contractual agreements for projects and services identified in the Action Plan upon approval from Risk Management and the County Attorney's Office,
- (6) authorize the Housing and Human Services Department, as contract administrators, to use competitive bids to secure contractors to complete proposed projects and services, and
- (7) authorize the County Manager to sign any associated budget change requests.

### **Summary Explanation and Background:**

On May 17, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing, as required by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), for the purpose of receiving public comments on the goals and priorities for Five Year Consolidate Plan and the one-year Annual Action Plan beginning October 1, 2022. A public notice was published in the Florida TODAY on June 6, 2022, to solicit comments from June 6, 2022 thru July 5, 2022, outline the recommended allocation of funds, and notify residents of the

Public Hearing and final adoption of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan on August 2, 2022, additional information, including a survey submitted form was placed on the Department's website. This second Public Hearing completes the process as required by HUD.

HUD requires recipients of HOME and CDBG funds to prepare a five-year Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan is both a document and a process. It is a collaborative initiative whereby a community establishes priorities for its housing, homeless, economic development, and community development activities. This Consolidated Plan covers the Brevard County Consortium, which consists of Brevard County (as the Lead Agency), and the cities of Titusville, Cocoa, Melbourne and Palm Bay. The Consolidated plan will cover the five-year period from 2022-2026 and serves numerous community planning functions, identifies and prioritizes affordable housing and community development needs, outlines a comprehensive and coordinated strategy for addressing those needs over the next five years, and it provides an occasion to embrace a comprehensive vision of housing and community development.

The Consolidated Plan includes the (1) an assessment of the housing, supportive services, and community development needs within the county to help determine the needs of special needs groups such as: homeless, elderly, person with physical, mental and developmental disabilities, persons with alcohol/drug addictions as well as the special needs of other underserved groups; (2) the development of priorities for addressing the identified housing needs such as Affordable "Owner-Occupied" Housing, Affordable "Rental" Housing and Fair Housing; (3) the development of priorities for addressing the identified Community Development needs such as; Public Safety/Crime Prevention, Public Services, Infrastructure, Public Facilities, Economic Development, and Demolition and Clearance; and, (4) the identification of obstacles to meeting underserved needs.

Additionally, on an annual basis, the Brevard Home Consortium must prepare an Annual Action Plan using the goals and priorities established in the five-year Consolidated Plan. The Annual Action Plan provides an implementation guide for the broad goals and priorities outlined in the five-year Consolidated Plan.

Fiscal Year 2022-2023, HOME funds will be awarded to the County and disbursed to Consortium Cities (Titusville, Cocoa, Melbourne, and Palm Bay) through disbursement agreements utilizing a HUD approved formula. Funds are distributed on a reimbursement basis. The Consortium will receive a total of \$1,300,662 in HOME funds for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 to begin on October 1, 2022. Brevard County Housing and Human Services will receive an estimated \$550,883.45 and the member cities will receive an estimated \$749,778.55 (Titusville- \$139,448.92; Cocoa- \$82,793.23; Melbourne- \$265,642.06; and Palm Bay- \$261,894.34).

For Fiscal Year 2022-2023, Brevard County will receive an estimated \$1,372,105 in CDBG funds. Unlike HOME funding, each Consortium member city receives a direct CDBG allocation from HUD. The County and each member city formulate its own CDBG Annual Action Plan of how they will spend CDBG funds promoting safe neighborhoods, capital improvements, economic development, public services, improvements for public housing and the homeless, as well as providing other housing assistance programs.

As a HUD approved Consortium, Brevard County, as Lead Agency, is required to submit one document inclusive of the HOME Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, and each of the cities CDBG Annual Action Plans.

## **Clerk to the Board Instructions:**

None