



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 (HOME) Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan

Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Year 2023-2024: There will no impact to the General Fund. \$1,396,425 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds will be budgeted in Cost Center 1470-303051 and \$1,297,107 in HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds will be budgeted in Cost Center 1472-303052.

Dept/Office:

Housing and Human Services / Central Services

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners conduct a public hearing to solicit input into the FY 2023-24 Annual Action Plan, as required by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), prior to the proposed Annual Action Plan being published for final comments. No vote is required for this public hearing.

Summary Explanation and Background:

Brevard County, Florida receives funding from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block (CDBG) program and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). Brevard County receives a direct allocation of CDBG funds to serve the unincorporated areas of the County and specific cities which have signed onto the County's Urban County Agreement.

Brevard County and four cities (Cocoa, Melbourne, Palm Bay, and Titusville) formed the Brevard County HOME Consortium (Consortium) for the purpose of receiving HOME funds to help meet the community's affordable housing needs. Brevard County serves as the Lead Agency of the Consortium. Each Consortium member formulates its own CDBG Annual Action Plan regarding the expenditure of CDBG funds promoting safe neighborhoods, capital improvements, economic development, public services improvements for public housing and the homeless, and other activities specific to their individual jurisdictions.

The entire Consortium prepares and submits (as one document) an Annual Action Plan using goals and priorities established in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan (approved by the Board of County Commissioners on May 17, 2022). Consortium Members work together to develop strategies on how HOME funds and other identified resources will be utilized to assist extremely low-income households (maximum income \$27,750 for a family of 4), very low-income households (maximum income of \$40,600), and low-income households (\$64,950 for a family of 4) in achieving decent, safe and affordable housing.

The HOME allocations for the Consortium Members will be awarded to the County and issued to the cities on a reimbursement basis through disbursement agreements. The consortium is estimated to receive \$1,297,107 in HOME funds for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 to begin on October 1, 2023. The breakdown of HOME funds is as follows: Brevard County \$521,179.35, Titusville \$140,607.08; Cocoa \$74,089.67; Melbourne \$301,593.59; and Palm Bay \$259,637.31. Each Consortium member receives a direct CDBG allocation from HUD and for fiscal year 2023-2024 Brevard County is estimated to receive \$1,396,425 in CDBG funds.

HUD requires jurisdictions to hold two public hearings and one public meeting under the Annual Action Plan process; as referenced in the Brevard County Citizens Participation Plan. The public meeting will be held on May 16, 2023 during the Community Development Block Grant Citizens Advisory Committee meeting and the second public hearing will be held on July 25, 2023.

Residents were notified of the public hearing and public meeting on the fiscal year 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan, via the Housing and Human Services website and Florida Today's newspaper on April 20, 2023.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

None