

PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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Meeting Date: 4/	10/07	[]	Consent	[X]	Regular	[]]	Public

Hearing

Department: Housing and Community Development

Submitted By: Housing and Community Development

Submitted For: Commission on Affordable Housing

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: a repayment of \$3,096 to the Robert E. Pinchuck Memorial Housing Trust Fund (HTF) from Housing and Community Development's (HCD) earned program income derived from the repayment of rehabilitation loans made to private property owners. This repayment will resolve a monitoring finding by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC) who provides State Housing Initiative Program (SHIP) funding to Palm Beach County.

The Commission on Affordable Housing's (CAH) Utility Connection/Impact Fee Program provides up to \$10,000 for the cost of: initiating new water or sewer service; water or sewer service connection fees; or utility and road impact fees for an eligible primary residence. This program serves very low (50% and below of the area median income) and low income (51% to 80% of the area median income) households. In Fiscal Year 2003-2004, Marvin and Betty Prince received \$3,096 to finance the initiation of a new water service and connection fees. Based on verification of the household income they were determined at that time to be low income and deemed eligible to participate in the program. The FHFC contracts with Florida Planning Group, Inc. to monitor SHIP Programs throughout the State. The CAH was monitored on May 25, 2006 for Fiscal Year 2003 – 2004. After Florida Planning Group, Inc. reviewed the Prince's file, this family was deemed a moderate income household and ineligible. Florida Planning Group indicated that the CAH should have projected the husband's over-time income for a full twelve (12) months even though he may not actually earn it. Ms. Prince (the wife) attended a meeting with CAH staff to discuss repayment options. She however is now a single parent and the sole financial provider for her family of three and cannot repay the assistance. HCD will use program income from a rehabilitation loan to a private rental housing developer to repay the HTF. Countywide (TKF)

Background and Policy Issues: FHFC administers the SHIP that's managed locally by HCD through the CAH.

Attachments:

A. Florida Planning Group, Inc. monitoring letter dated 7/5/06

Recommended By:

Department Director

Date

Assistant County Administrator

Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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	Fiscal Years	2007	2008	2009	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	
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	ADDITIONAL FTE OSITIONS (Cumulative)	N/A					
	item included in Current Bund <u>1101)</u> Agency <u>143</u> Unit						
В.	Recommended Sources of	f Funds/Sum	mary of	Fiscal In	npact:		
	Approval of this Agenda for a utility connection wit						ion
C.	Departmental Fiscal Revie		D. Brow	n, Finan	cial Anal	yst II	
		III. <u>REVIEW</u>	COMME	<u>NTS</u>			
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В.	Legal Sufficiency: Assistant County Atto	3/26/07 rney					

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director



February 9, 2007

Mr. Edward W. Lowery, Director Palm Beach County Dept. of Housing & CD 3323 Belvedere Road, Building 501 West Palm Beach, Florida 33406

Re: Palm Beach County 2006 SHIP Program Review

Dear Mr. Lowry:

During the May 2006 SHIP monitoring, it was determined that one of your water hookup recipients (Prince) was moderate income and therefore not eligible for funding under the County's LHAP. Your staff has stated that the funds would be repaid to the SHIP account. It is now more than eight months since that monitoring report, and although we have made repeated requests, we have not received evidence of resolution of the finding or repayment of the funds.

We are turning this matter over to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation for their consideration and follow-up.

Yours truly,

Elaine S. Wright Monitoring Manager

cc: Matt Jugenheimer, Compliance Manager, FHFC

Stan Fitterman, Senior Technical Advisor, Florida Housing Coalition Kenirah Joseph, Manager, Commission on Affordable Housing

Linda Jeter, Senior Planner, Commission on Affordable Housing

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