

**PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: December 2, 2008

Consent  
 Workshop

Regular  
 Public Hearing

Department: Administration  
Submitted By: Administration  
Submitted For: Economic Development Office

**I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF**

**Motion and Title:** Staff recommends motion to: Receive and file the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Letters of Removal of Environmental Grant Condition and the executed Authority to Use Grant Funds forms for the Brownfield Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grant funds in the amount of \$1.2 million and the Section 108 Loan funds in the amount of \$2.6 million.

**Summary:** On December 18, 2007, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) adopted a Resolution (R2007-2307) authorizing the submittal of a BEDI grant application for \$1.2 million and a Section 108 Loan Program application for \$2.6 million to fund the Avenue A Project in Belle Glade. HUD submitted notifications of application approvals for the BEDI grant in June 2008 and the 108 Loan in September 2008. The implementation of the Avenue A Project will start with the execution of both applications/contracts. **Countywide (DW)**

**Background and Policy Issues:** HUD published a Notice of Funding Availability for the Brownfield Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) for Fiscal Year 2007. This was a national competition for Federal grant and low interest loan dollars. The BEDI is coupled with a Federal low interest loan allocation from the HUD Section 108 Program, which was previously endorsed by the BCC in 2002. The Avenue A Revitalization Project will regenerate environmentally blighted properties in the "canal" area of downtown Belle Glade.

**Attachments:**

- 1) Letter # 1 and Form HUD 715.16, Section 108 Loan and BEDI Grant
- 2) Letter # 2 and Form HUD 715.16, BEDI Grant
- 3) Letter # 3 and Form HUD 715.16, BEDI Grant

Recommended By:   
Economic Development Director

11/17/08  
Date

Approved By:   
Assistant County Administrator

11/24/08  
Date

**II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS**

**A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Fiscal Years	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenue	( <u>3,800,000</u> )	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (PBC)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (PBC)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>NET FISCAL IMPACT</b>	( <u>3,800,000</u> )	_____	_____	_____	_____
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
(Cumulative)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Is Item Included In Current Budget? Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

**Budget Account Number:**

Fund 1539 Department 704 Unit 2000/2001 Object 3154

**B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: [Signature] 11/19/08

**III. REVIEW COMMENTS**

**A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:**

[Signature] 11-19-08  
OFMB [Signature] 11/18/08

[Signature] 11/19/08  
Contract Dev. and Control  
[Signature] 11/19/08

**B. Legal Sufficiency:**

[Signature] 11/24/08  
Assistant County Attorney

**C. Other Department Review:**

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Department Director

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



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October 29, 2008

Mr. Kevin Johns  
Director, Economic Development Office  
Post Office Box 1989  
West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Dear Mr. Johns:

SUBJECT: **Removal of Environmental Grant Condition**  
Project: **Construction/Rehabilitation Commercial**  
Program: **Section 108 Commercial Buildings**

On September 15, 2008, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development received your Request for Release of Funds and Certification (RROF), form HUD-7015.15 indicating that the environmental reviews for the above project has been completed.

The RROF has been held for fifteen (15) days as required by HUD regulations **24 CFR Part 58** to allow the public the opportunity to object to the use of HUD funds for this project. Since there were no valid objections, the grant condition requiring this project to be environmentally cleared before committing program funds was removed on October 28, 2008. This clearance will remain in effect as long as the related environmental review is valid. Only if a new review is required will it be necessary to submit another RROF.

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Sincerely,

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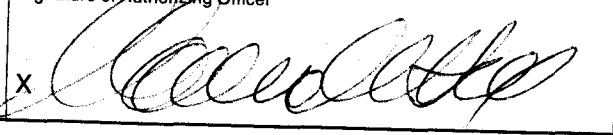
We received your Request for Release of Funds and Certification, form HUD-7015.15 on	September 15, 2008
Your Request was for HUD/State Identification Number	\$108 Loan & BEDI Grant

All objections, if received, have been considered. And the minimum waiting period has transpired.  
 You are hereby authorized to use funds provided to you under the above HUD/State Identification Number.  
 File this form for proper record keeping, audit, and inspection purposes.

BEDI Grant: Construction/Rehabilitation of Commercial Buildings

Location: 5-389 West Avenue A, Belle Glade, Palm Beach, FL

Program Activity: The "Avenue A Revitalization" Project will rehabilitate four blocks of a commercial corridor on West Avenue A in Belle Glade, Florida. the project includes the remediation of environmental hazards, renovation of commercial buildings, construction on empty lots, street lighting and beautification, and a common theme for the facade improvements. The estimated funding from HUD's BEDI Grant Program is \$1,100,000.

Typed Name of Authorizing Officer Maria R. Ortiz-Hill Title of Authorizing Officer CPD Director, Miami Field Office	Signature of Authorizing Officer X 	Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 10/29/2008
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form HUD-7015.16 (2/94)  
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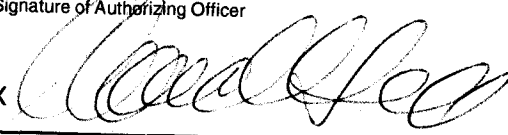
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Program Activity: Renovation of the Old Belle Glade City Hall. the project includes the remediation of environmental hazards. The estimated funding from HUD's BEDI grant Program is \$100,000.

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