

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: May 5, 2009 [] Consent [X] Regular
Department: Housing and Community Development/Community Services Department
Submitted By: Housing and Community Development/Community Services Department

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to: **A) approve** the 10th Amendment to the FY 2008-09 Action Plan; **B) adopt** a Resolution authorizing the County Administrator or his designee to sign the Amendment to the FY 2008-09 Annual Action Plan, Standard Form 424, General Consolidated Plan certificates, Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) Certifications, HUD Grant Agreement, Sub-grantee Agreements, and all other related HPRP documents; and **C) approve** the Community Services Department to administer the County's HPRP Program.

Summary: Palm Beach County was allocated \$2,823,871 in HPRP funding under the Federal Stimulus Plan. In order to access these funds, Palm Beach County is required to amend its FY 2008-09 Action Plan and submit the amendment to HUD on or before May 18, 2009. The Amendment constitutes the County's application for use of these funds. The proposed 10th Amendment allocates the HPRP funds for the following activities: a) \$1,826,200 to provide Housing Relocation and Stabilization; b) \$800,000 for Homeless Prevention Services; c) \$56,477 for data collection and evaluation; and d) \$141,194 for administrative cost. The Family Empowerment Coalition (FEC) will coordinate the Housing Relocation and Stabilization component. The FEC is a non-profit agency that coordinates services and funding for multiple homeless service providers throughout the County. The FEC will expand their membership to ensure services to all homeless individuals and families. The fiscal agent for the FEC is Adopt-A-Family of the Palm Beaches. Palm Beach County's Community Services has been recommended to utilize HPRP dollars to augment its existing Homeless Prevention program. HPRP's record keeping and reporting must use HUD's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) software, which currently is operated by 211 Palm Beach Treasure Coast. HUD expects to execute the grant agreement by September 1, 2009 and Palm Beach County must obligate all HPRP funds by September 30, 2009. In order to meet HUD's stringent deadlines the County Administrator or his designee is being asked to sign the Amendment and execute all related contracts and documents. **These are Federal funds that require no local match.** (Countywide) (TKF)

Background and Policy Issues: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) signed by the President of the United States on February 17, 2009 was intended to provide a stimulus to the U.S. economy in the wake of the current economic downturn. A component of the ARRA is the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) which designated \$1.5 billion for communities to provide financial assistance and services to either prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless or help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized. Eligible activities under the HPRP include Financial Assistance to include rental assistance, security and utility deposits, utility payments, reasonable moving costs and motel/hotel vouchers; Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services which includes case management, credit repair, and legal service; Data Collection and Evaluation which includes utilizing the HMIS software or compatible database and participate in HUD-sponsored research and evaluation; and Administrative Cost which is limited to 5% of the allocation. Individual and families provided assistance under HPRP must have an initial consultation with a case manager to determine the type of assistance required. (Continued on Page 3)

- Attachments:**
 A. 10th Amendment to the FY 2008-09 Annual Action Plan (HUD-40119)
 B. Resolution

Recommended By: Edward W. Horn Department Director 4/27/08 Date
Approved By: [Signature] Assistant County Administrator 5/1/09 Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<u>Fiscal Years</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenues:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County):	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
NET FISCAL IMPACT:	✱	_____	_____	_____	_____
# OF ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative):	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Is Item Included In Current Budget? Yes _____ No _____

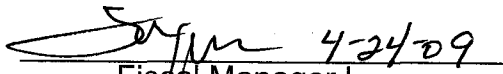
Budget Account #: Fund _____ Dept _____ Unit _____ Object _____

Program Code/Program Period _____

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

No Fiscal Impact At This time.

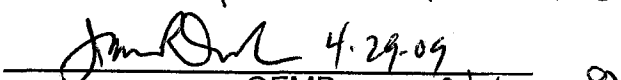
C. Departmental Fiscal Review:

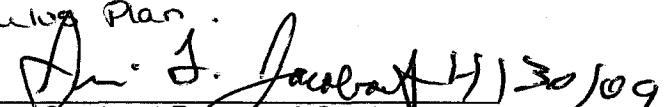

 Fiscal Manager I

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

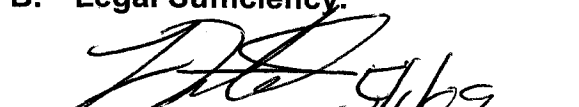
A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Administration Comments:

✱ Approval of Amendment 10 will allow access to the \$2,823,871 funds allocated from the Federal Stimulus Plan.


 OFMB
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 5/4/2009


 Contract Dev And Control
 4/30/09

B. Legal Sufficiency:


 Senior Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

_____ Department Director

Background and Policy Issues (continued)

The household must be at or below 50% of area medium income (AMI). In addition, the household must either be homeless or at risk of losing their housing.

The amount of funding assigned to Palm Beach County by HUD was determined by using the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) formula.

Due to the urgency to allocate and expend the HPRP funds and the stringent application deadline established by HUD, HCD consulted with County Administration and Community Services to create programs that utilize the HPRP funding for its intended purpose and ensure that the County meets all of HUD's deadlines.

As the lead entity for the Continuum of Care (CoC), the Community Services Department coordinates with all homeless services providers, plans for services to address the needs of the homeless, and reviews best practices and promising practices to end homelessness. The Rapid Re-Housing model was identified by the CoC. The Community Service Department provides staff to the Homeless Advisory Board which is responsible for implementing the Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness. Both Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing are components of the Ten-Year Plan. Therefore, Community Services is best prepared to administer the County's HPRP Program.

To conform with HUD Regulations at 24 CFR 91 and Provisions included in HUD's March 19, 2009, Notice, the Amendment was published in the Palm Beach Post and posted on HCD's website on April 22, 2009 for a 12 day public comment period. All comments will be incorporated into the final amendment.

ATTACHMENT "A"

Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Plan 2008 Action Plan for the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) Reported As The Tenth (10th) Amendment to Palm Beach County's FY 2008-09 Action Plan

Grantees eligible to receive funds under the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) are required to complete a substantial amendment to their Consolidated Plan 2008 Action Plan. This form sets forth the required format for this substantial amendment. A completed form is due to HUD within 60 days of the publication of the HUD HPRP notice.

To aid grantees in meeting this submission deadline, the HPRP Notice reduces the requirement for a 30-day public comment period to no less than 12 calendar days for this substantial amendment. With this exception, HPRP grantees are required to follow their Consolidated Plan's citizen participation process, including consultation with the Continuum of Care (CoC) in the appropriate jurisdiction(s). Grantees are also required to coordinate HPRP activities with the CoC's strategies for homeless prevention and ending homelessness. To maximize transparency, HUD strongly recommends that each grantee post its substantial amendment materials on the grantee's official website as the materials are developed.

A complete submission contains the following three documents:

- 1) A signed and dated SF-424,
- 2) A completed form HUD-40119 (this form), and
- 3) Signed and dated General Consolidated Plan and HPRP certifications.

For additional information regarding the HPRP program, visit the HUD Homelessness Resource Exchange (www.hudhre.info). This site will be regularly updated to include HPRP resources developed by HUD and its technical assistance providers.

The information collection requirements contained in this application have been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520). This agency may not collect this information, and you are not required to complete this form, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Information is submitted in accordance with the regulatory authority contained in each program rule. The information will be used to rate applications, determine eligibility, and establish grant amounts.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to be 16 hours, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. This information is required to obtain benefits. To the extent that any information collected is of a confidential nature, there will be compliance with Privacy Act requirements. However, the substantial amendment to the Consolidated Plan 2008 Action Plan does not request the submission of such information.

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Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP)**

A. General Information

Grantee Name	Palm Beach County
Name of Entity or Department Administering Funds	Department of Housing and Community Development
HPRP Contact Person (person to answer questions about this amendment and HPRP)	Edward W. Lowery
Title	Director
Address Line 1	160 Australian Avenue, Suite 500
Address Line 2	
City, State, Zip Code	West Palm Beach, Florida 33406
Telephone	(561) 233-3602
Fax	(561) 656-7588
Email Address	elowery@pbcgov.org
Authorized Official (if different from Contact Person)	Robert Weisman
Title	County Administrator
Address Line 1	301 North Olive Avenue
Address Line 2	
City, State, Zip Code	West Palm Beach, Florida 33401
Telephone	(561) 355-2712
Fax	(561) 355-3982
Email Address	rweisman@pbcgov.org
Web Address where this Form is Posted	www.pbcgov.org/hcd.

Amount Grantee is Eligible to Receive*	\$2,823,871
Amount Grantee is Requesting	\$2,823,871

*Amounts are available at <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/homelesspreventrecov.xls>

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B. Citizen Participation and Public Comment

1. Briefly describe how the grantee followed its citizen participation plan regarding this proposed substantial amendment (limit 250 words).

Response: The draft Tenth Amendment to Palm Beach County's FY 2008-09 Action Plan was published in the Palm Beach Post Newspaper and posted on the HCD website at www.pbcgov.com/hcd on April 22, 2009. The advertisement invited comments from members of the public and interested parties for a period 12 days, which expired on May 4, 2009. HCD required all comments to be submitted in writing and all comments which were received, on or before the expiration of the public comment period, were considered. On May 5, 2009, the draft amendment was presented to the Board of County Commissioners, at a public meeting, for their approval. This public meeting forum also allowed members of the public to comment on the amendment prior to the BCC's arriving at a decision to approve or to not approve. All comments received at this meeting were acknowledged and responded to, those which were relevant and sanctioned by the BCC were included in the final amendment. All comments received have been summarized at question 3 below.

2. Provide the appropriate response regarding this substantial amendment by checking one of the following options:

- Grantee did not receive public comments.
- Grantee received and accepted all public comments.
- Grantee received public comments and did not accept one or more of the comments.

3. Provide a summary of the public comments regarding this substantial amendment. Include a summary of any comments or views not accepted and the reasons for non-acceptance.

Response:

C. Distribution and Administration of Funds

Reminder: The HPRP grant will be made by means of a grant agreement executed by HUD and the grantee. The three-year deadline to expend funds begins when HUD signs the grant agreement. Grantees should ensure that sufficient planning is in place to begin to expend funds shortly after grant agreement.

1. Check the process(es) that the grantee plans to use to select subgrantees. Note that a subgrantee is defined as the organization to which the grantee provides HPRP funds.

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Competitive Process

Formula Allocation

Other (Specify: **Through Board of County Commissioners (BCC) designation of County Department and Private Non-Profit Organizations; and (BCC) approval of HCD's recommendation that 2% of the overall award be awarded to the 211 Palm Beach Treasure Coast to finance new computer software and hardware as well as staff cost associated with using HMIS to provide the required recordkeeping and reporting services. The allowable 5% for administration will be reserved to cover administrative costs incurred by Palm Beach County Department of Housing and Community Development and the Community Services Department.**

2. Briefly describe the process(es) indicated in question 1 above (limit 250 words).

Response: **The County's Community Services Department will play the lead role in administering the HPRP. The Board of County Commissioners has designated funding to four eligible activities, as follows: 1) Rapid Re-Housing to be carried out by Adopt-A-Family of the Palm Beaches operating in collaboration with the Family Empowerment Coalition; 2) Homeless Prevention activities are to be undertaken by Palm Beach County Community Services Department; 3) 211, the HMIS lead entity was recommended to receive funding to ensure that the County possesses the capability to meet the program's record keeping and reporting requirements; and 4) the allowable 5% for administration will be used to fund administrative costs which are expected to be incurred by Palm Beach County.**

The program structure and design for the Rapid Re-Housing Project is already developed and all non-profits with homeless clients will be able to participate. This centralization of responsibility under a few non-profits enhances the need for coordination among all agencies addressing homelessness and ensures the maximization of benefits to eligible beneficiaries while minimizing administrative cost.

The Department of Community Services is currently operating a homeless prevention program and the HPRP funds will be used to augment the financial resources which are currently available to that program. Also, the use of existing staff and structures will ensure the timely expenditure of the funds and dedicates the funding to fully support homeless prevention activities.

The County currently operates the HMIS system through 211. The reservation of funds for Data Collection and Evaluation is to address any shortcoming, relating to licensing software, and personnel requirements, in the County's ability to meet the HPRP data collection and reporting requirements.

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3. Briefly describe the process the grantee plans to use, once HUD signs the grant agreement, to allocate funds available to subgrantees by September 30, 2009, as required by the HPRP Notice (limit 250 words).

Response: In anticipation of receipt of the executed grant agreement from HUD, the Department of Community Services along with HCD will prepare a contract, which includes a detailed Scope of Work, for Adopt-A-Family of the Palm Beaches outlining the operation of the Proposed Rapid Re-Housing Program. This contract will ensure consistency with HUD and County requirements. The Department of Community Services and HCD will also develop the sub-grantee agreements between the County and 211 Palm Beach Treasure Coast. These Agreements will be presented to the County Administrator for signature simultaneously with execution of the grant agreement between the County and HUD. No agreement will be necessary to utilize the Homeless Prevention funds by the Department of Community Services, since the entity is a County Department. However, HCD will meet with Community Services to delineate responsibilities of each department as they relate to the administration of the HPRP Program.

4. Describe the grantee's plan for ensuring the effective and timely use of HPRP grant funds on eligible activities, as outlined in the HPRP Notice. Include a description of how the grantee plans to oversee and monitor the administration and use of its own HPRP funds, as well as those used by its subgrantees (limit 500 words).

Response: The homeless prevention program and the proposed Rapid Re-Housing programs recommended for funding are at various stage of implementation or design. The Homeless Prevention Program is currently a service provided by the Department of Community Services and the HPRP grant is intended to augment program resources. Immediately upon receipt of the grant agreement from HUD, funds can be disbursed to this activity. The design and concept for the Rapid Re-Housing program, completed for the 2008 Supportive Housing Program grant, has the full support of Palm Beach County. Full implementation will begin upon execution of a subgrantee agreement between the County and Adopt-A-Family of the Palm Beaches. The sub-grantee agreement will delineate a contract period with fixed benchmarks regarding expenditure. HPRP funds will be disbursed to the sub-grantees as reimbursement only after HCD fiscal section and the Department of Community Services have confirmed that invoices submitted for payment are eligible to be reimbursed. This process not only ensures that only expenditures on eligible items are reimbursed with HPRP funds but allows the County to track the amount expended on a current basis.

Also, sub-grantees and the Department of Community Services will be required to submit monthly reports confirming number of persons assisted, amount of funds expended, type of services offered and problems being encountered in implementing the program. The Department of Community Services will use a portion of the amount allocated for administration to train County staff and

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homeless service providers related to utilization of HPRP funds. During the first year of the grant, the Department of Community Services will monitor the sub-grantees within the first three months of implementation, at the end of the first grant period and annually thereafter to comprehensively review client files and monitor records. Additionally, the Department of Community Services will conduct monthly desk audits to ensure accuracy of reimbursement requests and programmatic compliance. Training and consultation will also be ongoing throughout the multiple grant years. If monitoring findings indicate the funds are not being spent expeditiously or in contravention of contractual terms, the unspent funds may be recaptured in its entirety or reduced to a level which suits the agency's expenditure rate. Reprogramming the balance of funds to other allowable activities ensures that expenditures comply with grant regulations.

D. Collaboration

1. Briefly describe how the grantee plans to collaborate with the local agencies that can serve similar target populations, which received funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 from other Federal agencies, including the U.S. Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, Homeland Security, and Labor (limit 250 words).

Response: **The County expects to benefit from the receipt of other funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act which are being administered by the Department of Education, Department of Labor, Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Homeland Security, Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Justice, and the Department of Energy, among others. The County is in the process of ascertaining the exact use of these funds and will endeavor to apply for such funding where applicable. The County's Community Services Department will be responsible for identifying all ARRA funding which can be used to assist persons who are homeless or persons who are at risk of becoming homeless due to the current economic crisis. Via the sub-grantee agreement, the County will also require Adopt-A-Family of the Palm Beaches and other members of the Family Empowerment Coalition to collaborate with other agencies receiving stimulus funds to ensure that these funds are included under the mainstream resources which must be tapped to assist homeless persons or those at risk of becoming homeless. Through the use of these funds, the subgrantee and the Community Services Department will ensure that homeless and potentially homeless persons are not only provided with direct homeless services, eligible under the HPRP, but also with ancillary services such as healthcare, education, job training and employment opportunities which will allow them to become self sufficient.**

2. Briefly describe how the grantee plans to collaborate with appropriate Continuum(s) of Care and mainstream resources regarding HPRP activities (limit 250 words).

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Response: The decision to fund the activities selected and the amount of funds recommended for each activity supports the action steps identified in the Palm Beach County Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness. A meeting between HCD and the Department of Community Services was held to determine the most effective and efficient way of administering the County's HPRP Program and expending the funds. The Department of Community Services is the lead agency coordinating the Palm Beach County Continuum of Care. The Family Empowerment Coalition, of which Adopt-A-Family is the fiscal agent, represents a group of major homeless service providers in the county all of whom are also active members of the Continuum of Care. In preparing the Consolidated Plan, HCD ensured that, as far as is possible, the Consolidated Plan's priorities and goals relating to homelessness are consistent with those of the Continuum of Care and with those included in the 10 Year Plan. This ensures a consolidated homeless strategy for the county. The Continuum of Care process in Palm Beach County encourages homeless services providers to network and the utilize information available in the HMIS data base to ensure efficient use of available resources, and to avoid duplicating service to the same individual. The Continuum of Care, through which the County's HPRP is to be implemented, promotes participation in mainstream resource programs. Presentations and discussions with mainstream resources at the Continuum's regularly scheduled meetings enables participation and access to mainstream programs. Also, communication with the State of Florida Office on Homelessness coordinates issues related to the reduction or removal of barriers in accessing mainstream services. Each entity recommended for funding will utilize case managers whose primary responsibility is to ensure clients participation in mainstream resource programs.

3. Briefly describe how HPRP grant funds for financial assistance and housing relocation/stabilization services will be used in a manner that is consistent with the grantee's Consolidated Plan (limit 250 words).

Response: Palm Beach County's Consolidated Plan assigns a high priority to the provision of funding for homeless prevention activities such as financial assistance to pay delinquent rent and utilities. The FY 2008-09 Action Plan awarded \$47,000 in CDBG funds to two agencies to undertake Homeless Prevention activities which are projected to assist 704 persons. The Action Plan also reflected the awarding of 29% of the County's ESGP total grant to activities defined as homeless prevention (maximum allowable is 30%). These funds are targeted to assist 1,079 individuals. The County also uses other sources of funding to finance homeless prevention activities as well as to re-house homeless persons. Among these is the use of SHIP funds to provide mortgage assistance program, to families/households who have suffered a sudden and unforeseen loss of income, and to finance a rental assistance program whereby households and individuals are provided with funds to finance the first and last rental payment as well as the security deposit. These programs are designed to provide short-term assistance of three months or less.

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The county also uses CDBG and ESGP funds to finance short-term stay of homeless persons and victims of domestic abuse at hotels/motels. Here again the length of stay is short-term, that is up to one week. Palm Beach County has been experiencing increased incidences of families becoming homeless or being at risk of becoming homeless. This is due to the current economic crisis impact on employment and mortgage foreclosures. Funds from the HPRP will provide more resources to tackle the aforementioned problems and allow the County to provide more longer termed assistance to individuals/households.

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E. Estimated Budget Summary

HUD requires the grantee to complete the following table so that participants in the citizen participation process may see the grantee's preliminary estimated amounts for various HPRP activities. Enter the estimated budget amounts for each activity in the appropriate column and row. The grantee will be required to report actual amounts in subsequent reporting.

HPRP Estimated Budget Summary			
	Homelessness Prevention	Rapid Re- housing	Total Amount Budgeted
Financial Assistance ¹	\$800,000.0	\$1,552,270.0	\$2,352,270
Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services ²		\$ 273,930.0	\$273,930.0
Subtotal (add previous two rows)	\$800,000.0	\$1,826,200.0	\$2,626,200.0
Data Collection and Evaluation ³			\$56,477.0
Administration (up to 5% of allocation)			\$141,194.0
Total HPRP Amount Budgeted⁴			\$2,823,871

¹Financial assistance includes the following activities as detailed in the HPRP Notice: short-term rental assistance, medium-term rental assistance, security deposits, utility deposits, utility payments, moving cost assistance, and motel or hotel vouchers.

²Housing relocation and stabilization services include the following activities as detailed in the HPRP Notice: case management, outreach, housing search and placement, legal services, mediation, and credit repair.

³Data collection and evaluation includes costs associated with operating HUD-approved homeless management information systems for purposes of collecting unduplicated counts of homeless persons and analyzing patterns of use of HPRP funds.

⁴This amount must match the amount entered in the cell on the table in Section A titled "Amount Grantee is Requesting."

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F. Authorized Signature

By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)

Signature/Authorized Official

Date

County Administrator
Title

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RESOLUTION NO. R-2009-

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SIGN THE AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2008-09 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN, STANDARD FORM 424, GENERAL CONSOLIDATED PLAN CERTIFICATES, HOMELESS PREVENTION AND RAPID RE-HOUSING PROGRAM (HPRP) CERTIFICATIONS, HUD GRANT AGREEMENT, SUB-GRANTEE AGREEMENTS, AND ALL OTHER RELATED HPRP DOCUMENTS.

WHEREAS, The State of Florida's homeless population has increased due to the current economic climate; and

WHEREAS, many Palm Beach County residents have been forced into homelessness due to foreclosure or eviction directly related to the economic crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners intends to utilize all available resources to assist residents to remain in their homes and not become homeless during the Country's economic downturn and subsequent recovery; and

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2009 the President of the United States signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) which is intended to provide a stimulus to the U.S. economy in the wake of the economic downturn; and

WHEREAS, a component of ARRA called Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP), granted to Palm Beach County \$2,823,871 to provide homeless prevention assistance to households who would otherwise become homeless - many due to the economic crisis -and to rapidly re-house persons who are homeless as defined by Section 103 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2009 Palm Beach County was officially notified of the HPRP funding allocation, the application submission deadline of May 18, 2009, and the September 30, 2009 deadline to fully obligate the entire HPRP award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA:

The County Administrator or his designee is authorized to sign the amendment to the FY 2008-09 Annual Action Plan, Standard Form 424, General Consolidated Plan Certificates, Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) Certifications, HUD Grant Agreement, Sub-grantee Agreements, and all other related HPRP documents.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____, and being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

KAREN T. MARCUS	-
JOHN F. KOONS	-
SHELLY VANA	-
STEVEN L. ABRAMS	-
BURT AARONSON	-
JESS R. SANTAMARIA	-

The Chairperson thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this _____ day of May 2009.

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SELF SUFFICIENCY

ATTEST:
SHARON R. BOCK, Clerk and Comptroller

By: _____ By: _____
Tammy K. Fields, Senior Asst. County Attorney Deputy Clerk