#### PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

### AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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| Meeting Date:                                  | June 28, 2011                                       |                  | Consent<br>Workshop | [X] Regular<br>[ ]Public Hearing |  |  |  |
| Department:<br>Submitted By:<br>Submitted For: | Administration<br>Administration<br>Economic Develo | opme             | nt Office           |                                  |  |  |  |
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I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

**Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to adopt:** Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida, authorizing the Economic Development Office to submit a \$700,000 Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) Grant application and a new \$1,500,000 Section 108 Federal Loan application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); authorizing acceptance of the funds awarded in order to assist established businesses in the Glades revitalization area; authorizing the County Administrator or his designee to execute the Grant and Loan application documents in order to implement the Palm Beach County BEDI Grant and Section 108 Loan Program and issue debt obligations pursuant thereto.

**Summary:** This Application will increase the allocation of federal funds for the Glades Revitalization from HUD by \$2,200,000 bringing the total program amount to \$9,882,971. This will enable Palm Beach County to continue offering funding to businesses in the Glades. The Palm Beach County BEDI Grant and Section 108 Loan Program were developed as funding sources for use by businesses/property owners to implement business ventures which will create new jobs and help to revitalize the Glades area. To date, 71 jobs have been created with a total investment of \$3,366,713. **No County funds will be pledged to complete this project.** District 6 (DW)

**Background and Policy Issues:** HUD published a Notice of Funding Opportunity for the BEDI for FY 2011 on June 13, 2011. This is 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. The Section 108 Federal Loan Program was previously endorsed by the Board of County Commissioners in 2002. It is a dedicated, national source of low interest loan funding for use by businesses, investors, communities, and not for profit economic organizations to implement business ventures which revitalize local poverty communities. The Economic Development Office assumed responsibility for the Program in May 2007. The Grant and Loan application deadline is July 14, 2011. This project will regenerate environmentally blighted properties within the Glades area and meets the criteria of the BEDI Program.

Attachments:

| 1. F         | Resolution                     |           |
|--------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Recommende   | d By Shing Howard              | 6-27-2011 |
|              | -Economic Development Director | Date      |
| Approved By: | Bullehim                       |           |
|              | Assistant County Administrator | Date      |

#### II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

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

| Fiscal Years<br>Capital Expenditures<br>Operating Costs<br>Operating Revenues<br>Program Income (PBC)<br>In-Kind Match (PBC) | 2011              | 2012      | 2013    | 2014 | 2015 |
|--|-------------------|-----------|---------|------|------|
| NET FISCAL IMPACT<br># ADDITIONAL FTE<br>POSITIONS (Cumulative)  | <u>*See Below</u> |           |         |      |      |
| Is Item Included In Current I  | Budget? Y         | es No     | )       |      |      |
| Budget Account No: Fund_<br>Program  | Departn<br>n Code | nent Unit | t Objec | ct   |      |

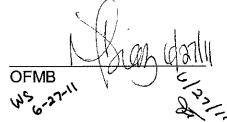
## **B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

\*Source of funding will be U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development funds. The budget will be amended to recognize the \$2,200,000 in Federal funds should the grants be awarded.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review:

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Administration Comments:



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B. Legal Sufficiency:

Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

**Department Director** 

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

#### RESOLUTION NO. R-2011-\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE TO SUBMIT A \$700,000 BROWNFIELD'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (BEDI) GRANT APPLICATION AND A NEW \$1,500,000 SECTION 108 FEDERAL LOAN APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD); AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE FUNDS AWARDED IN ORDER TO ASSIST ESTABLISHED BUSINESSES IN THE GLADES REVITALIZATION AREA; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE GRANT AND LOAN APPLICATION DOCUMENTS IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE PALM BEACH COUNTY BEDI GRANT AND SECTION 108 LOAN PROGRAM AND ISSUE DEBT OBLIGATIONS PURSUANT THERETO.

WHEREAS, there is a current unemployment rate exceeding 32% and a poverty level exceeding 32% within the Glades Revitalization Area;

WHEREAS, the Glades Revitalization Area suffers from disinvestment, substantial loss of its retail tax base, lack of access to capital and job opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida seeks to revitalize the Glades economy, employment base and to empower its citizens and businesses to be self sufficient; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida believes that it is appropriate to utilize all available resources to facilitate economic growth in Palm Beach County's Glades area and desires to obtain financial assistance from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Brownfields Economic Development Initiative Grant Program and the Section 108 Loan Program of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, for the purpose of providing gap financial assistance to established businesses in the Glades Revitalization Area; and

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach Board of County Commissioners has determined that the use of public funds to assist in implementing the Palm Beach County Section 108 Loan Program constitutes a public purpose as described in Section 290.0411 and Section 125.045 of the Florida Statutes.

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

1. Upon approval of this resolution by the Board of County Commissioners, County government will submit the federal application for the BEDI Grant and the Section 108 Loan funding into the national competition due July 14, 2011. The Resolution supports the private sector commitment by business owners within the Glades Revitalization Area. The approval of this Resolution is hereby declared to be a County public purpose.

2. The forgoing recitals are true and correct and are expressly incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

3. The Economic Development Office is authorized to submit to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) a BEDI Grant Application for \$700,000 and a Section 108 Loan Application for \$1,500,000 to continue lending under the established Palm Beach County Section 108 Loan Program.

4. The County Administrator or his Designee is authorized to execute all documents related to this BEDI Grant and Section 108 Loan applications in order to implement the Palm Beach County Section 108 Loan Program and issue debt obligations pursuant hereto and to provide additional information as may be required.

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:

COMMISSIONER KAREN T. MARCUS, CHAIR COMMISSIONER SHELLEY VANA, VICE CHAIR COMMISSIONER PAULETTE BURDICK COMMISSIONER STEVEN L. ABRAMS COMMISSIONER BURT AARONSON COMMISSIONER JESS R. SANTAMARIA COMMISSIONER PRISCILLA A. TAYLOR

The Chairman thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this \_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

OW Dawn Wynn

Assistant County Attorney

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST: SHARON R. BOCK, CLERK & COMPTROLLER

By:\_\_\_

**Deputy Clerk**