Agenda Item #:

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## PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

**Meeting Date:** 

May 1, 2012

[ ] Consent

[X] Regular

[ ] Ordinance

[ ] Public Hearing

Department:

**Department of Economic Sustainability** 

## I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to: A) Adopt a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida repealing Resolution 97-1154 which will dissolve the Emergency Shelter Grant Program (ESGP) Advisory Board; and B) Approve an authorization for the Homeless Continuum of Care Grant Review Committee appointed by the Homeless and Housing Alliance to make funding recommendations for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and an authorization for the County Administrator or his designee to sign the ESG grant application form and certifications.

Summary: Federal regulations require that the County develop and implement a plan to consult with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering and making policies and decisions regarding any ESG funding. This requirement was fulfilled by the ESGP Advisory Board, established by the Board of County Commissioners (Board) on September 2, 1997 via Resolution 97-1154. In recent years, vacancies on the ESGP Advisory Board have proven increasingly difficult to fill, while at the same time other local groups interested in homeless issues have evolved and grown in capacity to better perform the advisory function for ESG. To best serve the interests of the County and the requirements of ESG, it is proposed that the ESGP Advisory Board be dissolved, and that the Homeless Continuum of Care Grant Review Committee appointed by the Homeless and Housing Alliance be authorized to make ESG funding recommendations to the Board. In March 2012, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) advised the County of the availability of an additional FY 2011-2012 ESG allocation of \$167,529, contingent on the submission of a funding application no later than May 15, 2012. In order to meet this deadline, approval is sought for the Board to authorize the County Administrator, or his designee, to sign the ESG grant application form and certifications. These are Federal funds that require a dollar for dollar match which may be provided in the form of cash or in-kind contributions. (Strategic Planning) Countywide (TKF)

Background and Justification: On September 2, 1997, the Board adopted Resolution 97-1154 establishing the ESGP Advisory Board for the purpose of making ESGP funding recommendations to the Board and satisfying HUD requirements of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. On May 20, 2009, the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH Act) was enacted into law. The HEARTH Act replaced the McKinney-Vento Act and consolidated under one Act all federal homeless assistance programs. The HEARTH Act also renamed the Emergency Shelter Grant, in addition to broadening the range of activities eligible for funding, and increasing the amount of funding available to each jurisdiction. ESG funding was distributed in two (2) allocations for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. The first allocation of \$297,830 was received via the initial submission of the Action Plan to HUD. More recently, the County was advised of the requirement to prepare a substantial amendment to the Action Plan in order to receive the second FY 2011-2012 allocation of \$167,529.

## Attachments:

- 1. Resolution
- 2. Resolution 97-1154

Approved By:

Approved By:

Assistant County Administrator

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## II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

Fiscal `	rears rears	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
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Operati	ng Costs					
Externa	l Revenues					
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B. Legal Sufficiency:

Serior Assistant County Attorney

C. **Community Services Department Review:** 

**Department Director** 

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A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, REPEALING RESOLUTION 97-1154 WHICH WILL DISSOLVE THE EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT PROGRAM (ESGP) ADVISORY BOARD.

WHEREAS, in 1997, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners (Board) created an eleven member Emergency Shelter Grant Program (ESGP) Advisory Board to satisfy U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirements, and to and make ESGP funding recommendations to the Board; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the Board eliminated the minimum number of meetings that the ESGP Advisory Board was required to hold annually; and

WHEREAS, the identification of a sufficient number of qualified and willing persons to fill vacancies on the ESGP Advisory Board has proven challenging; and

WHEREAS, currently all positions on the ESGP Advisory Board are vacant; and

WHEREAS, the Homeless and Housing Alliance has identified a Homeless Continuum of Care Grant Review Committee that can effectively serve the functions previously performed by the ESGP Advisory Board and satisfy HUD requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Board no longer requires the service of the ESGP Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to dissolve the ESGP Advisory Board and repeal Resolution 97-1154; and

WHEREAS, dissolving the ESGP Advisory Board serves a public purpose.

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

The Board of County Commissioners hereby repeals resolution 97-1154. The ESGP Advisory Board established pursuant to Resolution 97-1154 is hereby dissolved, effective immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its

adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner a vote, the vote was as follows:	, and being put to
Commissioner Shelley Vana, Chair	-
Commissioner Steven L. Abrams, Vice Chairman	-
Commissioner Karen T. Marcus	-
Commissioner Paulette Burdick	-
Commissioner Burt Aaronson	_
Commissioner Jess R. Santamaria	-
Commissioner Priscilla A. Taylor	-
The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed a, 2012.	nd adopted this day of
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS BOARD OF C	OUNTY COMMISSIONERS

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY **Clerk & Comptroller** By: \_ Deputy Clerk Tammy K. Fields, Senior Assistant County Attorney Attachment #

ATTEST: SHARON R. BOCK,

#### RESOLUTION NO. R- 97-1154

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANTS PROGRAM (ESGP) ADVISORY BOARD.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) require recipients of Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESGP) funds comply with the Stewa McKinney Homeless Assistance Act of 1987, as amended, and with 24 CFR Part 576; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Shelter Grants Program provides funds for the operatio maintenance of emergency shelters and transitional housing, emergency assistance, and hon prevention; and

WHEREAS, HUD, through 24 CFR Part 91, published on January 5, 1995, estab Consolidated Plan and Citizen Participation Plan requirements; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County through the Department of Housing and Comm Development (HCD) wishes to comply with HUD regulations regarding the Consolidated Pla Citizen Participation Plan requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida, d to establish an advisory board in conjunction with the Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County (Homeless Coalition) to assist the County in achieving its ESGP goals.

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

# SECTION 1: ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EMERGENCY SHELTER GRAPH PROGRAM ADVISORY BOARD

There is hereby established an advisory board to be known as the "Emergency Shelter (
Program Advisory Board," herein referred to as the "Advisory Board."

## SECTION 2: COMPOSITION

The Advisory Board shall be comprised of nine (9) regular and two (2) alternate me to fill vacancies occurring during the term of office. The eleven (11) members shall be "non-commembers, in that the agencies they are employed by or board members of will not be applying ESGP funds during their term of office. All members shall be nominated by the Homeless Comprised of Palm Beach County, Inc., all of whom shall be appointed at large by the Board of Commissioners.

## SECTION 3: APPOINTMENTS, TERMS, VACANCIES AND COMPOSITIO

- A. All members of the Advisory Board shall be residents of Palm Beach County, F at the time of appointment and while serving on the Advisory Board.
- B. The maximum number of Boards and Commissions that an individual appointed Board of County Commissioners may serve on at one time shall be three (3).

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C. Terms of office for the Advisory Board members shall be two (2) year terms. There be no limit on the number of terms an individual may serve.

D. A vacancy occurring during a term shall be filled for the unexpired term and manner prescribed above. The Board of County Commissioners may remove a member for inconsistent with the functions of the Advisory Board.

E. Advisory Board members shall not be prohibited from qualifying as a candida elected office.

F. Travel reimbursement is limited to expenses incurred only for travel outside Palm I County necessary to fulfill board member responsibilities when sufficient funds have been but and are available. Travel expenses shall have the prior approval of the Board of C Commissioners. No other expenses are reimbursable except documented long distance phone to the Department of Housing and Community Development.

## SECTION 4: AUTHORITY

The Advisory Board shall have the following authority and powers:

A. To review ESGP proposals submitted by service providers, to verify the inform therein, to make funding recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners, and to r private and public sector representatives to the membership of particular Advisory Board comm. These members shall be subject to the rules and by-laws of the Advisory Board and to the c authority of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida.

B. To adopt rules and by-laws providing for the governance of the Advisory Board, rules and by-laws will be adopted by a majority vote of the members of the Advisory Board.

C. To review and make recommendations on all ESGP activities funded throug Department of Housing and Community Development.

## SECTION 5: CODE OF ETHICS

Advisory Board members shall abide by the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics as in County Resolution 94-693.

### SECTION 6: OBJECTIVES

A. The objectives of the Advisory Board shall be to assist the County in reaching its goals and to ensure that homeless individuals and families residing in Palm Beach County can't from the ESGP. These include the following:

- 1. Provide information to members of the Homeless Coalition on the amo ESGP funds available and the range of activities to be undertaken.
- 2. Review the County's progress towards its ESGP goals and make recommend to the Board of County Commissioners. The primary recommendations shall be for funding of proposals submitted by service providers. The Advisory Board may develop the application evaluation criteria for awarding ESGP funds. The final decision for awarding ESGP funds at made by the Board of County Commissioners.

- 3. Foster and promote cooperation between governmental agencies and communication of the County's objectives concerning homelessness.
- 4. Provide information to the County on needs and other factors affecting the : implementation of the ESGP within Palm Beach County.
- 5. Determine roadblocks affecting program implementation and recording corrective measures to the Board of County Commissioners.

## SECTION 7: MEETINGS

A. The Advisory Board shall meet a minimum of five (5) times a year; however, m may be required to attend additional meetings. A majority of the members appointed shall con a quorum for the conduct of the Advisory Board's business. In the presence of a quorum, A Board business shall be conducted by a vote of a majority present and be governed by Rober of Order. The Chair shall have the authority to call emergency meetings, as is need appropriate, by informing members at least one week in advance.

B. Reasonable public notice of all Advisory Board meetings shall be provided, and a meetings shall be open to the public at all times.

## SECTION 8: OFFICERS

A. A Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary shall be elected by a majority vote of the A. Board and shall serve for a term of one (1) year.

## Duties of the Chair:

- 1. Call and set the agenda for Advisory Board meetings;
- Preside at Advisory Board meetings;
- 3. Establish committees, appoint committee chairs and charge committee specific tasks; and
- 4. Perform other functions as the Advisory Board may assign by rule or on
- B. The Vice Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair in the Chair's absence, as other duties as the Chair may assign.
- C. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Chair, the Vice Chair shall become the C the unexpired term. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Vice Chair, the Advisory Board w another member to fill the unexpired term of the Vice Chair.
- D. The Secretary shall be responsible for the record-keeping functions and will re Minutes and correspondence of the Advisory Board.

## SECTION 9: ATTENDANCE

Members of the Advisory Board shall be automatically removed for lack of attendance of attendance is defined as: failure to attend three (3) consecutive meetings or failure to atter than one-half of the meetings scheduled during a calendar year. Participation for less that fourths of a meeting shall constitute lack of attendance. Excused absences due to illness, from the County, or personal hardship, if approved by the Advisory Board, shall not constitute of attendance. Excused absences shall be entered into the minutes at the next regularly so

meeting of the Advisory Board. Members removed under this paragraph shall not continue until a new appointment is made and removal shall create a vacancy.

## SECTION 10: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Resolution shall become effective upon approval by a majority vote of the E County Commissioners, Palm Beach County, Florida.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner Foster, who moved its at The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marcus, and upon being put to a vote, the vote follows:

BURT AARONSON, CHAIRMAN	- Aye
MAUDE FORD LEE, VICE CHAIR	- Aye
KAREN T. MARCUS, COMMISSIONER	- Aye
CAROL A. ROBERTS, COMMISSIONER	- Aye
WARREN H. NEWELL, COMMISSIONER	_ Aye
MARY McCARTY, COMMISSIONER	. Absent
KEN L. FOSTER, COMMISSIONER	- Aye

The Chairman thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd September, 1997.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND DOROTHY H. WILKEN, CLERK

LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

Tammy K. Fields Assistant County Attorney

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