Agenda Item #: 5B-1

PALM BEACH COUNTYBOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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January 26, 2016

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Department:

Department of Economic Sustainability

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to authorize: the Palm Beach County Department of Economic Sustainability (County) to provide technical assistance to the West Palm Beach Housing Authority (HA) and the City of West Palm Beach (City) to prepare a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funded Choice Neighborhoods Planning and Action Grant application.

Summary: The Choice Neighborhoods grant is designed to address struggling neighborhoods with distressed public housing, employing a comprehensive and sustainable approach to neighborhood transformation. The grant would be intended to facilitate the overall revitalization of the Coleman Park neighborhood with Dunbar Village identified as the eligible target public housing that is the focus of this grant application.

A Purpose Built Communities initiative is in the process of being created by the City, including Coleman Park and Dunbar Village redevelopment and improvements. Education and healthy living outcomes are the cornerstones of the initiative. Redevelopment of Dunbar Village will be accomplished in four phases: 1) Senior Center under construction at present; 2) 120 unit Silver Palm Place which is approved and is in site preparation; and 3) & 4) Final two phases of redevelopment are in the planning stages and will be the focus of the Choice Neighborhood grant.

The HA is the Lead Applicant for the grant, with the City serving as the Co-Applicant and the County's primary role being the planning coordinator (entity that leads the planning process). The grant amount being requested is \$2,000,000, of which \$500,000 will be for planning activities with the balance of \$1,500,000 allocated to implementation "action" items. Should HUD approve the grant, staff will bring a formal Memorandum of Understanding between the HA and the County to the Board of County Commissioners that will provide funding to DES staff for planning activities. The application will be submitted for the funding cycle deadline of February 9, 2016. These are Federal HUD funds which require a local match of \$100,000, which will be provided by the City of West Palm Beach as the Co-Applicant. No County local match is required. District (JB)

Background and Justification: Coleman Park is the historic center of the City of West Palm Beach African-American community and was originally part of the Northwest neighborhood. The north/south neighborhood boundaries are officially between 25th Street to the north and Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard to the south. The boundaries of the Coleman Park neighborhood coincide with those of Census Tract 22.

Attachments: none

Recommended By:

Department Director

Date

Approved By: _

Assistant County Administrator

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II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs					
External Revenues					
Program Income					
In-Kind Match (County)					
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