

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	May 3, 2016	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular
		<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing
Department:	Department of Economic Sustainability		

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF


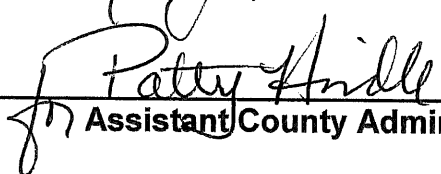
Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: a Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan for the Pahokee Housing Authority in connection with their grant application to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Service Coordinators Program.

Summary: The Pahokee Housing Authority (PHA) is applying to HUD for a grant under the ROSS-Service Coordinators Program. A Certification of Consistency with the Palm Beach County Consolidated Plan is required to be submitted with this application. The PHA has submitted a program description of the ROSS-Service Coordinators Program grant application to the Department of Economic Sustainability (DES) for review and DES has determined that it is consistent with the Palm Beach County Consolidated Plan. The purpose of the ROSS Service Coordinator Program is to assist residents of public housing in making progress towards economic and housing self sufficiency. DES examined the proposed program’s goals and objectives outlined in the program narrative and determined that they are consistent with the overall Consolidated Plan to improve access to affordable rental housing and promote self-sufficiency and economic independence. Because the PHA’s ROSS grant application is consistent with the County’s Consolidated Plan, staff recommends approval of this Certification. District 6 (JB)

Background and Justification: Palm Beach County’s Consolidated Plan contains the County’s strategy for addressing housing, economic, and community development issues over a five-year period. DES is responsible for completing the Consolidated Plan in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 91. The current Consolidated Plan, covering the period Fiscal Years 2015-2020, was approved (R2015-0949) by the Board of County Commissioners on July 21, 2015.

Attachments:

1. Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan
2. PHA’s April 14, 2016 letter describing the ROSS Program and requesting the Certification

Recommended By:		<u>4-22-16</u>
	Department Director	Date
Approved By:		<u>4/27/16</u>
	Assistant County Administrator	Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs					
External Revenues					
Program Income					
In-Kind Match (County)					
NET FISCAL IMPACT *	0				

# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)					
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Is Item Included In Current Budget? Yes _____ No _____

Budget Account No.:

Fund _____ Dept _____ Unit _____ Object _____ Program Code/Period _____

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

*No Fiscal Impact.

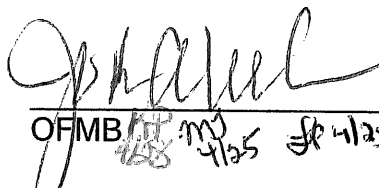
C. Departmental Fiscal Review:



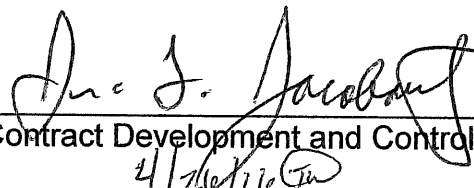
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III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Development and Control Comments:



 OFMB
 4/25/16



 Contract Development and Control
 4/26/16

B. Legal Sufficiency:



 Assistant County Attorney
 4/27/16

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

**Certification of Consistency
with the Consolidated Plan**

U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development

OMB Approval No. 2501-0017 (Exp.01/31/2016)

I certify that the proposed activities/projects in the application are consistent with the jurisdiction's current, approved Consolidated Plan.
(Type or clearly print the following information:)

Applicant Name: Pahokee Housing Authority

Project Name: Pahokee Housing Authority ROSS-SC Program

Location of the Project: 465 Friend Terrace
Pahokee, FL 33467

Name of the Federal Program to which the applicant is applying: Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Service Coordinators

Name of Certifying Jurisdiction: Palm Beach County

Certifying Official of the Jurisdiction Name: Mary Lou Berger

Title: Mayor

Signature: _____

Date: _____

ATTEST: Sharon R. Bock,
Clerk & Comptroller

SEAL

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved as to Form and
Legal Sufficiency

Document No.: _____

By: _____
James Brako
Assistant County Attorney

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Pahokee, FL 33476

Administrative Office

465 Friend Terrace
Pahokee, FL 33476
(561) 924-5565 FAX (561) 924-1952

Fremd Village

401 Shirley Drive
Pahokee, FL 33476

April 14, 2016,

Mr. Edward W. Lowery, Director
Department of Economic Sustainability
100 Australian Avenue, Suite #500
West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Dear Mr. Lowery:

The Pahokee Housing Authority is applying for a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The purpose of the Public and Indian Housing Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Service Coordinators (ROSS-SC) program is to provide grant funding to public housing agencies (PHAs to hire and maintain Service Coordinators (SC) who will assess the needs of residents of conventional Public Housing or Indian housing and coordinate supportive services and other activities designed to help such residents attain economic and housing self-sufficiency. This program works to promote the development of local strategies to coordinate the use of assistance under the Public Housing program with public and private resources, for supportive services and resident empowerment activities. Funds in this program may not be used for the direct provision of supportive services. This program is similar to the Family Self-Sufficiency program (FSS); however, the FSS program is only open to PHAs and tribes/TDHEs, has a requirement of an escrow account for its participants, and provides one-year funding. In addition to being open to PHAs and tribes/TDHEs, the ROSS-SC program is also open to nonprofit and Resident Association applicants, provides three-year funding, includes administrative expenses and training as eligible uses of the funds and requires a 25% match by statute. A PHA or tribe may receive grants in both programs. The primary goal of a ROSS-Family Service Coordinator is to assist families in increasing earned income and move towards economic and housing self-sufficiency. Similarly, the primary goal of a ROSS-Elderly/Disabled Service Coordinator is to ensure that residents can maintain independent living, age in-place in their units, and avoid placement in a full-care facility to the greatest extent possible.

A Consolidated Plan Certification from the jurisdiction is required for the grant application. We respectfully request your signature on the attached form. The grant will be sent out on May 16, 2016. We would like to have the signed form anytime before that date.

I want to thank-you for your assistance to the Pahokee Housing Authority.

Sincerely,



Satyam Polineni
Assistant Director/Finance Director

ATTACHMENT 2