

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	December 4, 2018	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular
		<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing
Department:	Department of Housing and Economic Sustainability		


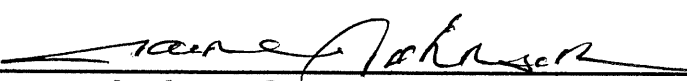
I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to execute: a “Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan” for the Fair Housing Center of the Greater Palm Beaches, Inc. (FHC) in connection with their funding application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP).

Summary: The FHC has prepared an application to HUD seeking funding under the FHIP program for its Private Enforcement Initiative Multi-Year Project. HUD requires the County to confirm that the activities to be undertaken by the FHC are consistent with the County’s current approved Consolidated Plan. Confirmation of this consistency is documented through the execution of form titled “Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan.” The Department of Housing and Economic Sustainability (HES) has reviewed the Project Abstract from FHC application which outlines the objectives and activities to be undertaken by FHC. The Project Abstract states that FHC will address all forms of housing discrimination by the Fair Housing Act and provide comprehensive services to persons with limited English proficiency and persons with disabilities. HES has determined that these are consistent with the overall fair housing goal broadly stated in the Consolidated Plan, and specifically defined in the Assessment of Fair Housing as follows: (a) to identify and ameliorate any actions, omissions, or decisions taken because of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin which restrict housing choices or the availability of housing choices; and, any actions, omissions, or decisions which have the effect of restricting housing choices or the availability of housing choices on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin; (b) analyze and eliminate housing discrimination in the jurisdiction; promote fair housing choice for all persons; provide opportunities for inclusive patterns of housing occupancy regardless of race, color, religion, sex, familial status, disability and national origin; promote housing that is structurally accessible to, and usable by, all persons, particularly persons with disabilities; and, (c) foster compliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of the Fair Housing Act. Since the goals set forth in the FHC application is consistent with the County’s Consolidated Plan, staff recommends execution of this certification. Countywide (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. HES 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 (R2015-049) by the Board of County Commissioners on July 21, 2015.

Attachment(s):
1. Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan - HUD-2991
2. Fair Housing Center of the Greater Palm Beaches- Project Abstract

Recommended By:	 Department Director	<u>11/26/18</u> Date
Approved By:	 Assistant County Administrator	<u>11/30/18</u> Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs					
External Revenues					
Program Income					
In-Kind Match (County)					
NET FISCAL IMPACT					

# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)					
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Is Item Included In Current Budget? Yes _____ No X
Does this Item include the use of Federal funds? Yes _____ No X

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Budget Account No.:

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

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

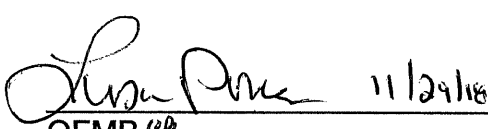
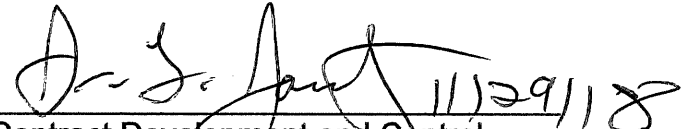
No Fiscal Impact.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review:


Shairette Major, Fiscal Manager II

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

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

 11/29/18
OFMB ⁴⁰ 11/28
11/28
 11/29/18
Contract Development and Control
11/29/18 TW

B. Legal Sufficiency:

 11/29/18
Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

Certification of Consistency
with the Consolidated Plan

U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development

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: Fair Housing Center of the Greater Palm Beaches, Inc

Project Name: Private Enforcement Initiatives Multi- Year

Location of the Project: Palm Beach County, Florida

Name of the Federal Program to which the applicant is applying: Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP)

Name of Certifying Jurisdiction: Palm Beach County, Florida

Certifying Official of the Jurisdiction Name: Mack Bernard

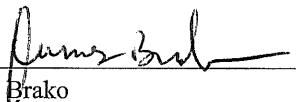
Title: Mayor

Signature:

Date:

Approved as to Form
and Legal Sufficiency

ATTEST: Sharon R. Bock,
Clerk & Comptroller

By: 
James Brako
Assistant County Attorney

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

FAIR HOUSING CENTER OF THE GREATER PALM BEACHES

Project Abstract

The Fair Housing Center of Greater Palm Beaches (FHCGPB), a 501(c) (3) QFHO broad-based full service fair housing enforcement organization will conduct its 2018 Fair Housing Initiative Program/Private Enforcement Initiative (FHIP/PEI-MY) application for a thirty-six month project commencing on 1/15/19 and ending 1/15/22. Through this grant, FHCGPB will address all forms of housing discrimination covered by the Fair Housing Act and provide comprehensive services to persons with limited English proficiency and persons with disabilities.

Project Activities

- Intake 450 intake interviews.
- Complete 150 systemic or complaint based investigations.
- Recruit and Train at least 30 testers.
- Conduct refresher/advanced tester training for at least 60 testers.
- Conduct a total of 240 complaint-based and/or survey test parts.
- Make at least 75 referrals on non-fair housing issues.
- Provide at least 9 workshops geared towards LEP new immigrants.
- Conduct 15 fair housing trainings for members of the protected classes.
- Provide continuing education in fair housing opportunities to staff.
- Distribute educational materials quarterly to partner organizations, social service agencies and public to provide information on fair housing rights.
- Publish and distribute 12 quarterly Newsletters.
- File at least 45 and jurisdictional complaints with HUD, FHAP and/or Cooperating Attorneys.
- Assist at least 45 persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations.
- Provide 3 trainings for landlords, realtors, lender or insurers of fair housing obligations.
- AFFH-Provide lending discrimination training, including mortgage rescue scams to at least 300 people.
- AFFH-Provide 3 trainings to local/staff officials on their obligations to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing.
- AFFH-Provide information on affordable housing opportunities to 60 households.
- Conduct 15 Mediations/Conciliations.
- Maintain website, instagram, twitter and facebook accounts committed to fair housing awareness.

Areas of Concentration for the proposed activities are Cities of West Palm Beach, Riviera Beach, Boynton Beach, Delray Beach and the Glades areas which reside the Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) of West Palm Beach/Miami-Ft Lauderdale.