PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	October 8, 2019	[X] Consent [] Ordinance	[] Regular [] Public Hearing			
Department:	Department of Housing and Economic Sustainability					

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

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

Summary: Staff recommends the Board of County Commissioners' (BCC) approval of the "Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan" for Pahokee Housing Authority's ROSS-SC funding application to HUD. This determination of consistency is required by HUD for an application under the ROSS-SC program. The Department of Housing and Economic Sustainability (DHES) has reviewed the objectives of the Pahokee Housing Authority ROSS-SC program and determined that they are consistent with those outlined in the Palm Beach County FY 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan. The overall goal of the Pahokee Housing Authority's ROSS-SC program is to serve the housing needs of low-income, very low-income and extremely low-income families by assisting them in increasing earned income and moving towards economic and housing self-sufficiency. Specifically, the ROSS-SC program will assess the needs of residents of conventional Public Housing and coordinate supportive services and other activities designed to help such residents attain economic and housing self-sufficiency. The County's Fiscal Year 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan identified the City of Pahokee as an area which lacks adequate and suitable housing and prioritizes the need for affordable rental housing, economic development and job training, and public services for residents of this area. District 6 (HJF)

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. DHES 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 BCC on July 21, 2015. Approval of this agenda item will allow the Pahokee Housing Authority to comply with HUD application requirements.

Attachment(s):

Letter from Pahokee Housing Authority dated September 5, 2019
Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan

Recommended I	By: <u>Jonathan Brow</u> Department Director	9/16/19 Date
Approved By:	Assistant County Administrator	9/24/2015 Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs					
External Revenues					
Program Income					
In-Kind Match (County)					
NET FISCAL IMPACT					
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# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)					
Budget Account No.:		5			
Fund Dept U			Program Coc	le/Period	
B. Recommended So	urces of Fun	ds/Summar	ry of Fiscal I	mpact:	
No Fiscal Impact.					
C. Departmental Fisca	al Review: -		ajor, Fiscal M	lanager II	
	III. <u>REV</u>		IENTS		

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

9/20/19 910 OFMB

Contract Development and Control 125/19 Tw

Legal Sufficiency: Β.

24/19 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

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September 5, 2019

Mr. Jonathan B. Brown, Director Department of Housing and Economic Sustainability 100 Australian Avenue, Suite # 500 West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Dear Mr. Brown:

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 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 October 14, 2019. We would like to have the signed form any time before that date.

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

Sincerely,

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ATTACHMENT 1

Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan

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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 Con solidated Plan. (Type or clearly print the following information:)

Project Name: Palokee Housing Authority ROSS-SC Program Location of the Project: 465 Friend Terrace Pahokee, FL 33476 Pahokee, FL 33476 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, Florida	
Location of the Project:	
Name of the Federal Program to which the applicant is applying: Name of Palm Beach County, Florida	
Program to which the applicant is applying: Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Service Coordinators Name of Palm Beach County, Florida	
Certifying Official of the Jurisdiction Mack Bernard Name:	
Mayor Title:	
Signature:	
Date:	
Approved as to FormATTEST: Sharon R. BockAnd Legal SufficiencyClerk & Comptroller	
By: By: Howard J. Falcon, III Deputy Clerk Chief Assistant County Attorney	

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