## PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

#### **AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date:	October 6, 2020	[ ] Consent [ ] Ordinance	[X] Regular [] Public Hearing	
Department:	Department of Housing and Economic Sustainability			

#### I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

**Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to Approve:** an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the City of Westlake.

Summary: In order to receive funding under the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Programs from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Palm Beach County must requalify every three (3) years for HUD's designation as an Urban County Program. The County's current designation will expire on September 30, 2021, and a new application for requalification for Fiscal Years 2021-2024 is now due to HUD. The City of Westlake has agreed to participate with the County in the formulation of the Urban County Program jurisdiction and has executed an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement. With the addition of Westlake, the total number of municipalities that have agreed to participate with the County is now 31. Staff recommends approval the Agreement. CDBG funds require no local match. HOME funds require a local match, which is provided by program income from the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program. ESG funds require a local match, which is provided by funded agencies, the Division of Human Services, and the Department of Housing and Economic Sustainability. Countywide (HJF)

Background and Policy Issues: Due to its designation by HUD as an Urban County, Palm Beach County receives annual entitlement of Federal funds under the CDBG, HOME, and ESG Programs. HUD has advertised the commencement of the requalification process for Fiscal Years 2021-2023 and outlined the processes to be undertaken by the County to successfully re-qualify as an Urban County. During the previous three (3) year period covering Fiscal Year 2018-2020, the County received a total of \$28,094,610 in Federal funds from HUD under the CDBG (\$19,538,983), HOME (\$6,876,958) and ESG (\$1,633,669) Programs. These funds were used to fund community development, economic development, and housing activities which predominantly benefitted very low-, low- and moderate-income households and other eligible persons including the homeless.

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1. Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the City of Westlake

## 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					
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)					
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# INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN PALM BEACH COUNTY AND CITY OF WESTLAKE

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, by and between Palm Beach County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as the "County", and City of Westlake, a municipality duly organized and existing by virtue of the laws of the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as the "Municipality".

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have the common power to perform Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program and Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program activities within their jurisdictions, said common powers being pursuant to Section 125.01, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 163, Part III, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, known as the "Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act" authorizes local governments to make the most efficient use of their powers by enabling them to cooperate with other localities on a basis of mutual advantage and thereby to provide services and facilities that will harmonize geographic, economic, population and other factors influencing the needs and development of local communities; and

WHEREAS, Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, mandates that a county must enter into interlocal cooperation agreements with municipalities in its jurisdiction for the purposes of implementing CDBG activities within said municipalities; and

WHEREAS, such interlocal cooperation agreements are also required to implement the HOME Program under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, and the ESG Program under the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH Act); and

WHEREAS, the County desires to join with the Municipality in order to carry out the planning and professional services necessary to implement the CDBG, ESG and HOME Programs during Federal Fiscal Years 2021, 2022, and 2023, and during subsequent Federal Fiscal Years; and

WHEREAS, the County and the Municipality agree to cooperate to undertake or assist in undertaking community renewal and lower income housing assistance activities; and

WHEREAS, the County and Municipality wish to cooperate in the implementation of the goals and objectives of the County's Consolidated Plan, as approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality desires to cooperate with the County for the purpose of implementing the CDBG, ESG and HOME Programs; and

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of the County and the Municipality have each authorized this Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants herein contained, it is agreed as follows:

1. This Agreement covers the CDBG, ESG and HOME Programs and pertains to funds that the County is qualified to receive from HUD under said Programs for Federal Fiscal Years 2021, 2022 and 2023 which cover the three-year urban county qualification period beginning on October 1, 2021, and ending on September 30, 2024 (hereinafter the "Qualification Period"). This Agreement shall remain in effect until the CDBG, ESG and HOME funds and program income

received (with respect to activities carried out during the Qualification Period and during any subsequent three-year qualification periods covered by any renewal of this Agreement) are expended and the funded activities are completed. Neither the Municipality nor the County may terminate, or withdraw from, this Agreement while it remains in effect.

2. This Agreement shall be automatically renewed for a three-year qualification period at the end of the Qualification Period and at the end of each subsequent qualification period unless either party provides the other party a written notice in which it elects not to participate in a new qualification period. If such notice be given, the party electing not to participate shall also send a copy of the written notice to the HUD field office with jurisdiction over the County.

The County shall, by the date specified in HUD's Urban County Qualification Notice for the next qualification period, notify the Municipality in writing of its right not to participate, and the County shall provide a copy of such written notice to the HUD field office with jurisdiction over the County by the date specified in the Urban County Qualification Notice.

- 3. While this Agreement is in full force and effect, during the Qualification Period and during any subsequent three-year qualification periods covered by any renewal of this Agreement, the County and the Municipality agree to amend this Agreement to incorporate any changes necessary to meet the requirements for cooperation agreements as set forth by HUD in its Urban County Qualification Notices applicable to all subsequent three-year qualification periods, and to provide HUD such amendments as provided in the Urban County Qualification Notices. Failure to comply with the aforesaid shall void the automatic renewal of this Agreement.
- 4. The Municipality, by executing this Agreement, understands that:
  - (a) It may not apply for any grants from appropriations under the State of Florida CDBG Program for fiscal years during the period in which it participates in the County's CDBG Program.
  - (b) It may receive a formula allocation under the HOME Program only through the County. Even if the County does not receive a HOME formula allocation, the Municipality understands that it may not receive HOME Program funds from a HOME consortium with other local governments. This, however, does not preclude the County or the Municipality from applying to the State of Florida for HOME Program funds if the State of Florida so allows.
  - (c) It may receive a formula allocation under the ESG Program only through the County. This, however, does not preclude the County or the Municipality from applying to the State of Florida for ESG Program funds if the State of Florida so allows.
- This Agreement is contingent upon the County's qualification as an "urban county" under the CDBG Program as determined by HUD, as well as HUD's award of funds under the CDBG, ESG and HOME Programs.
- 6. The County and the Municipality agree to cooperate to undertake, or assist in undertaking, community renewal and lower income housing assistance activities. The County and the Municipality also agree to cooperate to enable the County to expend CDBG, ESG and HOME Program funds on eligible activities within the Municipality's jurisdiction during the Qualification Period and during any subsequent qualification periods covered by the renewal of this Agreement.
- 7. The Municipality shall assist and cooperate with the County in the preparation of the HUD required Consolidated Plan for the use of CDBG, ESG, and HOME Program funds. The County shall prepare the Consolidated Plan application and other necessary documents, and shall take full responsibility and assume all obligations as the applicant. The County and the Municipality agree to comply with said Consolidated Plan and implement activities as outlined in the Action Plan approved by HUD for the use of CDBG, ESG, and HOME Program funds. The

County and the Municipality agree that the County is hereby permitted to undertake or assist in undertaking essential community development and housing assistance activities within the Municipality's jurisdiction.

- 8. The County, through its Department of Housing and Economic Sustainability, shall assist the Municipality in undertaking all professional and administrative services necessary for the purposes of implementing activities of the CDBG, ESG and HOME Programs, including preparation of all applications and other necessary documents, planning and other administrative activities, as required.
- 9. Pursuant to 24 CFR 570.50l(b), the Municipality is subject to the same requirements applicable to subrecipients, including the requirements of a written agreement as described in 24 CFR 570.503.
- 10. The Municipality may not sell, trade, or otherwise transfer all or any portion of CDBG Program funds to another metropolitan city, urban county, unit of general local government, or Indian tribe, or insular area that directly or indirectly receives CDBG Program funds in exchange for any other funds, credits or non-Federal considerations, but must use such CDBG Program funds for activities under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.
- 11. The Municipality and the County shall take all actions necessary to assure compliance with the County's certification required by Section 104(b) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, regarding Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Fair Housing Act, and affirmatively furthering fair housing. The Municipality and the County shall comply with Section 109 of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, which incorporates Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, and other applicable laws. The County shall not fund any activities in, or in support of, the Municipality should the Municipality not affirmatively further fair housing within its jurisdiction or should the Municipality impede the County's actions to comply with the County's fair housing certification.
- 12. The County is committed to assuring equal opportunity in the award of contracts and complies with all laws prohibiting discrimination. Pursuant to Palm Beach County Resolution R2017-1770, as may be amended, the Municipality warrants and represents that throughout the term of the Agreement, including any renewals thereof, if applicable, all of its employees are treated equally during employment without regard to race, color, religion, disability, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or genetic information. Failure to meet this requirement shall be considered default of the Agreement.

As a condition of entering into this Agreement, the Municipality represents and warrants that it will comply with the County's Commercial Nondiscrimination Policy as described in Resolution 2017-1770, as amended. As part of such compliance, the Municipality shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, ancestry, sex, age, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, or genetic information in the solicitation, selection, hiring or commercial treatment of subcontractors, vendors, suppliers, or commercial customers, nor shall the Municipality retaliate against any person for reporting instances of such discrimination. The Municipality shall provide equal opportunity for subcontractors, vendors and suppliers to participate in all of its public sector and private sector subcontracting and supply opportunities, provided that nothing contained in this clause shall prohibit or limit otherwise lawful efforts to remedy the effects of marketplace discrimination that have occurred or are occurring in the County's relevant marketplace in Palm Beach County. Municipality understands and agrees that a material violation of this clause shall be considered a material breach of this Agreement and may result in termination of this Agreement, disqualification or debarment of the company from participating in County contracts, or other sanctions. This clause is not enforceable by or for the

- benefit of, and creates no obligation to, any third party. Municipality shall include this language in its subcontracts.
- 13. The Municipality has adopted, and is enforcing, a policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and the Municipality has adopted, and is enforcing, a policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to, or exit from, a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within jurisdictions.
- 14. Palm Beach County has established the Office of Inspector General in Palm Beach County Code, Section 2-421 2-440, as may be amended. The Inspector General's authority includes, but is not limited to, the power to review past, present and proposed County contracts, transactions, accounts and records, to require the production of records, and to audit, investigate, monitor, and inspect the activities of the Agency, its officers, agents, employees, and lobbyists in order to ensure compliance with contract requirements and detect corruption and fraud. Failure to cooperate with the Inspector General or interfering with or impeding any investigation shall be in violation of Palm Beach County Code, Section 2-421 to 2-440, and punished pursuant to Section 125.69, Florida Statutes, in the same manner as a second degree misdemeanor.
- 15. No provision of this Agreement is intended to, or shall be construed to, create any third party beneficiary or to provide any rights to any person or entity not a party to this Agreement, including but not limited to any citizen or employees of the County and/or the Municipality.
- 16. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to authorize the delegation of the constitutional or statutory duties of the state, county or municipal officers.
- 17. A copy of this Agreement shall be filed with the Clerk and Comptroller in and for Palm Beach County.
- 18. Any prior agreements or contracts regarding the duties and obligations of the parties enumerated herein are hereby declared to be null and void.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized officials.

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Howard J. Falcon, III,	Sherry Howard
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### LEGAL CERTIFICATION BY PALM BEACH COUNTY

As Legal Counsel for Palm Beach County, Florida, I hereby state that the terms and provisions of this Agreement entered into on by and between Palm Beach County and <b>City of Westlake</b> are fully authorized under State and local law, and that the Agreement provides full legal authority for Palm Beach County to undertake, or assist in undertaking, community renewal and lower income housing assistance activities.
Howard J. Falcon, III, Chief Assistant County Attorney Palm Beach County. Florida