

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

WORKSHOP SUMMARY

Meeting Date: April 25, 2023

Department: Housing and Economic Development

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Title: Palm Beach County Action Plan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024

Summary: Staff seeks Board direction on funding strategies for the Action Plan for FY 2023-2024. This presentation will provide an overview of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Programs, and will detail proposed funding strategies for FY 2023-2024. Annually, the County is required to submit an Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to serve as an application for CDBG, HOME, and ESG formula grant funding. HUD announced the FY 2023-2024 allocations: CDBG \$6,471,405; HOME \$2,673,040; and ESG \$570,614. As in previous years, a pro-rata share formula is used for the CDBG funding allocations to municipalities and County departments. The CDBG funding allocations for economic development activities are consistent with previous Board approvals. CDBG public service activities were selected through a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP). HOME will fund the development of affordable rental and homeownership housing, as well as homebuyer assistance. ESG is allocated to not-for-profit agencies selected through a RFP conducted by the Community Services Department and will serve the homeless and those at risk of homelessness. The Action Plan for FY 2023-2024 will be prepared to reflect Board direction from this workshop, and will be brought to the Board for approval on July 11, 2023. Countywide (HJF)

Background and Policy Issues: HUD allocates annual CDBG, HOME, and ESG grants to States, Urban Counties, and local jurisdictions called "entitlement communities". Thirty-one (31) local municipalities participate in Palm Beach County's Urban County Program. Larger municipalities including Boca Raton, Boynton Beach, Delray Beach, Jupiter, Palm Beach Gardens, Wellington, and West Palm Beach receive funding directly from HUD. The CDBG Program works to provide decent affordable housing, community facilities and services, and job creation through expansion of businesses. The HOME Program generates affordable housing opportunities for lower-income families. The ESG Program provides housing and supportive services to the homeless and those at risk of homelessness. Federal regulations at 24 CFR Part 91 require that prior to receiving the funds, the County must submit to HUD an Action Plan which identifies all proposed uses of CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding for the upcoming fiscal year. Public input on community needs and proposed uses of funds was generated through public meetings and stakeholder outreach. On February 28, 2023, a public meeting was held to share information on the process and solicit input on community needs. Outreach was made to various stakeholders including: the Housing Leadership Council, the Affordable Housing Collaborative, the Homeless and Housing Alliance, the Countywide Community Revitalization Team, the Special Needs Advisory Coalition, and participating municipalities.

Attachment(s):

- 1. Presentation

Recommended By: Jonathan Brown 4/20/2023
Department Director Date

Approved By: Donna H. Miller 4/21/2023
Assistant County Administrator Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
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 _____
 Does this Item include the use of Federal funds? Yes _____ No _____

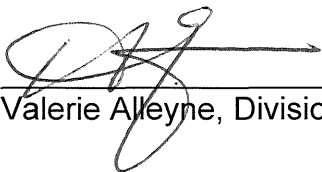
Budget Account No.:

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

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

No fiscal impact at this time.

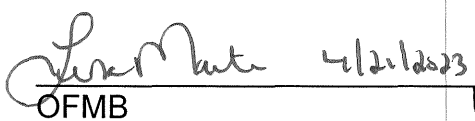

C. Departmental Fiscal Review:



 Valerie Alleyne, Division Director II

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

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

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 OFMB LM 4/21
 4/21/23
 Contract Development and Control and 4/21/23

B. Legal Sufficiency:



 Chief Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

 Department Director



Palm Beach County Action Plan for FY 2023-2024

**Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners
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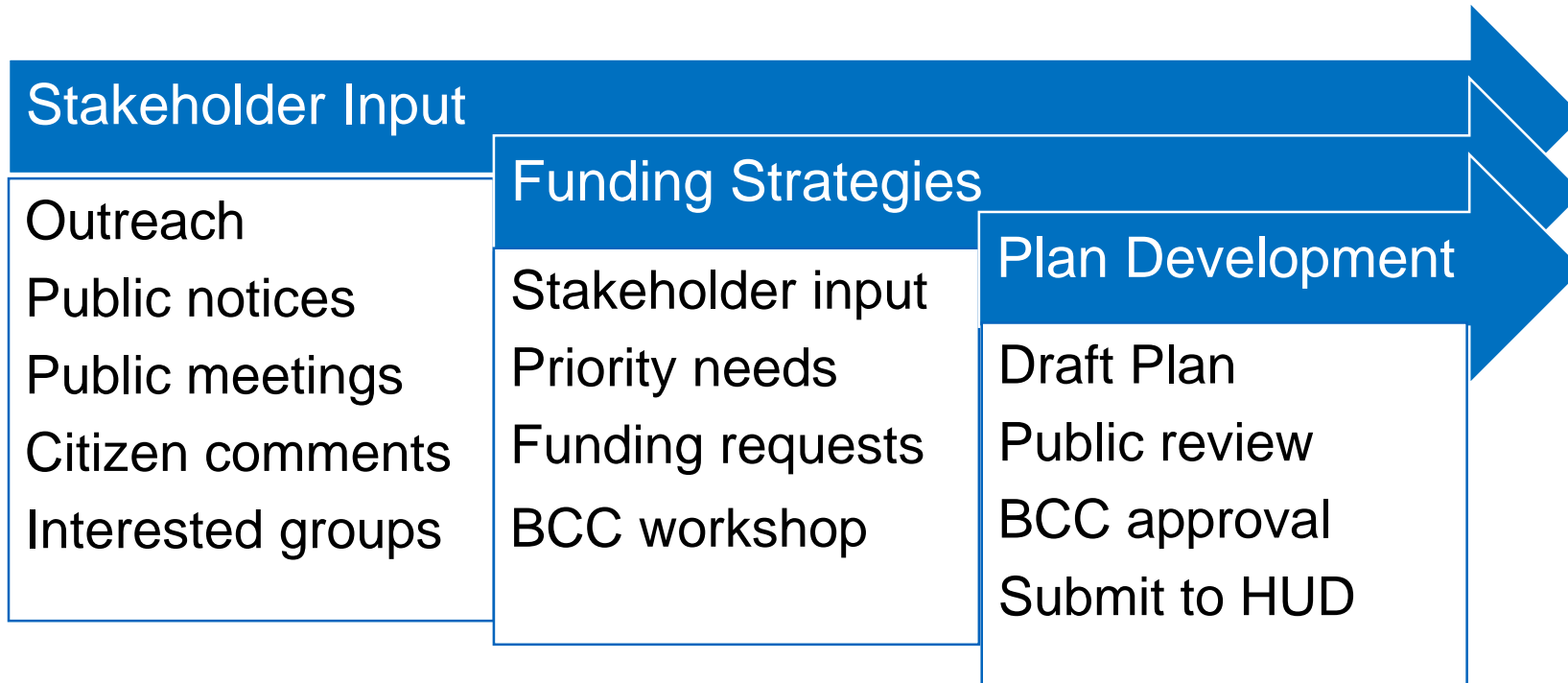
Overview: Consolidated Plan

- Five Year Consolidated Plan for FYs 2020-2024
approved by BCC on July 14, 2020
- Identifies priorities for HUD funding for housing, community, and economic development:
 - Expand & preserve affordable housing stock
 - Delivery of social services, including homeless
 - Improve infrastructure & public facilities
 - Job creation/retention & business services

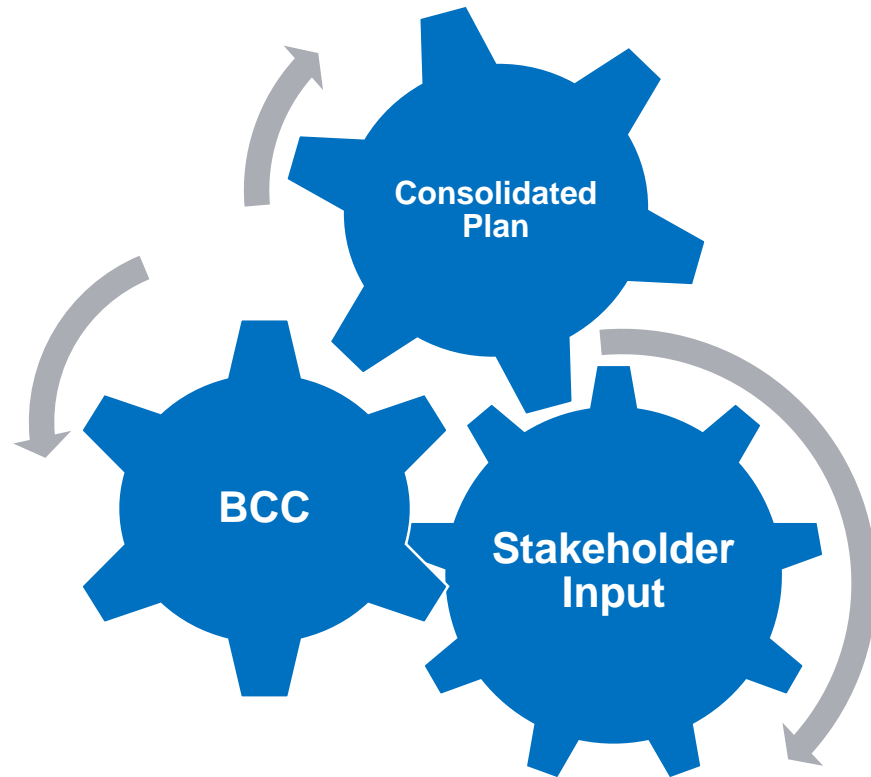
Overview: Action Plan

- Annual Action Plan identifies funding allocations and proposed uses of funds for upcoming program year.
- Seeking BCC direction on strategies for FY 2023 – 2024 formula grants from HUD:
 - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
 - HOME Investments Partnership (HOME)
 - Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

Overview: Process



Stakeholders



- Residents of Palm Beach County
- Municipal Partners
- County Departments & CDTs
- Non-Profit Service Providers
- Public Housing Authorities
- Housing Leadership Council
- Homeless and Housing Alliance
- Affordable Housing Collaborative
- Special Needs Advisory Coalition
- Re-Entry Housing Subcommittee
- Countywide Community Revitalization Team

Resources

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Provide a suitable living environment and economic opportunities primarily for low- and moderate- income persons (<80% AMI: \$73,600 for a family of four)

Eligible Activities

- Public facilities and infrastructure (parks, streets, drainage)
- Public services (homeless, disabled, domestic violence)
- Economic development (job creation, business assistance)
- Housing activities (rehabilitation, replacement)

Resources

HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)

Provide decent affordable housing to low- and moderate-income households (<80% AMI: \$73,600 for a family of four)

Eligible Activities

- Housing development (new construction of SF or MF)
- Homebuyer assistance (gap funding, down payment)
- Acquisition and/or rehabilitation (for rental or resale)
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance (rent subsidies)
- Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)

Resources

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

Provide housing and supportive services to homeless and at-risk population (<30% AMI: \$46,000 for family of four)

Eligible Activities

- Emergency Shelter (operations and maintenance)
- Homeless Prevention (emergency funds to stop eviction)
- Rapid Re-housing (first/last/security & temporary subsidy)
- Transitional Housing (operations and maintenance)
- Client Management Information System (database)

FY 2023-2024 Resources

Program	Amount
CDBG	\$ 6,471,405
HOME	\$ 2,673,040
ESG	\$ 570,614
Total	\$ 9,715,059

CDBG FY 2023 – 2024

Activity	Amount
Countywide Public Services	\$ 970,710
Economic Development	\$ 777,818
Local Entitlement Municipalities	\$ 1,111,813
Special Area of Hope	\$ 347,178
County Capital Projects	\$ 1,969,605
Program Administration	\$ 1,294,281
Total CDBG	\$ 6,471,405

CDBG Public Services

HUD allows 15% of CDBG grant for public services: \$ 970,710

- 75% County Homeless Facilities \$ 728,032
- 25% Private Not-for-Profit Agencies \$ 242,678

On January 8th, HED issued a RFP for CDBG Public Services serving Consolidated Plan priority needs:

- 17 proposals submitted /13 responsive to RFP requirements
- On March 6th, Selection Committee scored the proposals and recommended funding for 9 agencies.
- Awards to be approved by BCC on July 11th as part of the FY 2023-2024 Action Plan.

CDBG Public Services

Agency	Activity	Amount
Legal Aid Society	Fair housing enforcement	\$ 46,415
Vita Nova	Transitional housing for youth	\$ 41,108
PBC Food Bank	Assist seniors with SNAP benefits	\$ 32,500
Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse	Assist victims of domestic abuse	\$ 29,125
Pathways to Prosperity	Assist people transitioning out of poverty	\$ 28,390
Family Promise of North/Central PBC	Assist the homeless with emergency housing and services	\$ 21,710
Urban League	Housing counseling	\$ 17,777
Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies	Access to health care for pregnant women	\$ 16,020
RCMA	Child development services for children of farmworkers	\$ 9,633
Total		\$ 242,678

CDBG Economic Development

Agency	Activity	Amount
Center for Enterprise Opportunity	Business / financial counseling and microlending	\$ 80,000
Center for Technology Enterprise and Development	Microenterprise incubator, training, and technical assistance	\$ 250,000
PBC HED	Economic development services	\$ 447,818
Total		\$ 777,818

CDBG Municipalities

Municipality	Activity	Amount
Belle Glade	Code Enforcement	\$ 166,616
Greenacres	Sanitary Sewer Improvements	\$ 202,303
Lake Park	West Ilex Park Playground	\$ 47,704
Lake Worth Beach	Osborne Community Center	\$ 266,814
Lantana	Community Sensory Garden	\$ 52,623
Mangonia Park	Code Enforcement	\$ 14,833
Palm Springs	Lakewood Road Street Lighting	\$ 125,051
Riviera Beach	Sanitary Sewer Lift Stations	\$ 198,880
South Bay	Code Enforcement	\$ 36,989
Total Municipal		\$ 1,111,813

CDBG Special Area of Hope

Special CDBG allocation rotates annually among all Local Entitlement Municipalities

- Started in FY 2001-2002 with Glades municipalities
- BCC directive in FY 2013-2014 to include all municipalities
- \$347,178 to City of Greenacres in FY 2023-2024 for construction of public sanitary sewer improvements

CDBG County Capital Projects

Department	Project	Amount
PBC Water Utilities	Belle Glade Zone 3 Water Main Improvements – Phase I	\$ 1,109,605
PBC Parks	Glades Pioneer Park – Orange Bowl Facility – Phase III	\$ 860,000
Total County Capital		\$ 1,969,605

HOME FY 2023 - 2024

- Affordable housing for rental and for sale.
- HED implements programs providing direct assistance to homeowners and homebuyers.
- Loans awarded to housing developers selected via competitive RFP processes.
- New construction, acquisition, and rehabilitation.
- Mandatory set aside for housing by Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs).

HOME FY 2023 - 2024

Program	Amount
Rental Development	\$ 1,000,000
Homebuyer Assistance	\$ 871,128
CHDO Activities	\$ 534,608
Program Administration	\$ 267,304
Total HOME	\$ 2,673,040

ESG FY 2023 - 2024

- FY 2023-2024 grant is \$570,614.
- Administered by Community Services Department.
- Continuum of Care priorities:
 - Emergency shelter for single males
 - Rapid re-housing for homeless families
- Grants awarded to not-for-profit agencies via RFP:
 - RFP review committee will meet on May 9th.
 - Funding recommendations will be included in Action Plan for BCC approval July 11th.

Next Steps

- 1. Prepare Action Plan per BCC direction**
- 2. Publish draft Plan for public comment**
- 3. Public meetings**
- 4. July 11th -BCC meeting to approve Action Plan**
- 5. August 15th deadline for submission to HUD**



Thank You

