

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: October 20, 2020 Consent Regular
 Ordinance Public Hearing

Department: 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 Pahokee Housing Authority, Inc., in connection with their grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Summary: The Pahokee Housing Authority, Inc. (PHA), is applying for a Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HUD requires that the County confirm that the application is consistent with the goals and objectives of the County's Consolidated Plan. PHA will use the ROSS grant to hire and maintain a Service Coordinator to assess the needs of PHA residents and coordinate supportive services and other activities designed to help such residents attain economic and housing self-sufficiency. The primary goal of a ROSS-Family Service Coordinator is to assist families in increasing earned income and moving towards economic and housing self-sufficiency. The Department of Housing & Economic Sustainability (DHES) has reviewed PHA's proposed ROSS activity and determined that it is consistent with the Palm Beach County Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Year 2020 - 2024. Specifically, the ROSS activity will serve a priority need of the Consolidated Plan by providing assistance to very-low income renter households. Countywide (HJF)

Background and Policy Issues: Palm Beach County's Consolidated Plan contains the County's strategy for addressing housing, economic, and community development issues over a five (5) 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 2020 - 2024, was approved (R2020-0926) by the Board of County Commissioners on July 14, 2020. Approval of this agenda item will allow the Pahokee Housing Authority to comply with HUD requirements.

Attachment(s):

- 1. Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan
- 2. Request Letter from Pahokee Housing Authority

Recommended By: Jonathan Braun 10/7/2020
 Department Director Date

Approved By: Donna H. Math 10/15/2020
 Assistant County Administrator Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
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

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: Thomas for
 Shairette Major, Fiscal Manager II

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

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

Steve Mentzer 10/13/2020
 OFMB 10/13/20 AP 10/13/20

Joe J. Jaworski 10/14/2020
 Contract Development and Control
 10-14-20 TW

B. Legal Sufficiency:

Ron Burt 10/14/2020
 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:)

ApplicantName: Pahokee Housing Authority, Inc.

ProjectName: Pahokee Housing Authority, Inc. ROSS-SC Program

Location of the Project: 465 Friend Terrace

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

Certifying Official of the Jurisdiction Name: Dave Kerner

Title: Mayor

Signature: _____

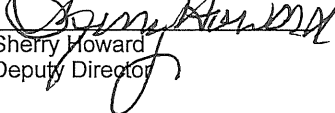
Date: _____

Approved as to Form
And Legal Sufficiency

Approved as to Terms and Conditions
Dept. of Housing and Economic Sustainability

ATTEST: Sharon R. Bock,
Clerk & Comptroller

By: _____
Howard J. Falcon, III
Chief Assistant County Attorney

By: 
Sherry Howard
Deputy Director

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

PAHOKEE HOUSING AUTHORITY, INC.

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899 Padgett Circle
Pahokee, FL 33476

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

Fremd Village
401 Shirley Drive
Pahokee, FL 33476

October 5, 2020

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

Dear Mr. Brown,

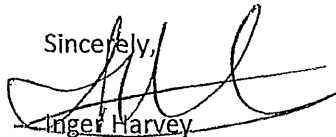
The Pahokee Housing Authority is applying for a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The purpose of the Public and Indian Housing Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Service Coordinators program is to provide grant funding to public housing agencies (PHA's) to hire and maintain a Service Coordinator (SC) who will assess the needs of residents of conventional Public Housing and 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.

This program is similar to the Family Self-Sufficiency program (FSS), however, the FSS program is only open to PHA's and tribes/TDHE's, and has a requirement of an escrow account for participants. 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.

A Consolidated Plan Certification from the jurisdiction is required for the grant applications. We respectfully request your signature on the attached form, if applicable. The grant will be sent out no later than November 19, 2020. We would like to have the form signed anytime before that date.

I would like to thank you and your team for assisting Pahokee Housing Authority in this effort.

Sincerely,



Tiger Harvey
Executive Director
561-924-5565 ext. 23



ATTACHMENT 2