

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: September 17, 2024 Consent Regular
 Ordinance Public Hearing

Department: Housing and Economic Development

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: a Request for Release of Funds (RROF) and Certification (HUD Form 7015.15) required for an environmental review conducted on behalf of 211 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast, Inc. for the 211 New Headquarters Building project.

Summary: 211 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast, Inc. is redeveloping its existing headquarters located at 415 Gator Drive, Lantana. A new 12,000 square foot hurricane rated building will be constructed on the current parking area and the existing 6,000 square foot building will be demolished and the site repurposed into a new parking area. The facility will house the 211 call center and operations. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded 211 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast, Inc. a \$1,000,000 Economic Development Initiative Community Project Funding (CPF) grant to assist with the project. The CPF Program requires that an environmental review be performed in accordance with Federal Regulations at 24 CFR Part 58. 211 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast, Inc. requested that Palm Beach County assume the role of Responsible Entity to undertake the environmental review on its behalf. The environmental review has been completed and the County must now provide to HUD a RROF for the project. The RROF affirms that the procedures required by 24 CFR Part 58 have been followed, that the activity did not require an Environmental Impact Statement, and the County will comply with the National Environmental Policy Act and other environmental laws as they relate to the project. The required Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds was published on August 25, 2024, and no public comments were received during a 15-day comment period. District 7 (HJF)

Background and Justification: Federal regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 establish environmental processing requirements for all HUD-assisted activities. 211 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast, Inc. requested that the Department of Housing and Economic Development (HED) assist with preparation of the environmental review because HED has the technical expertise to do so and routinely prepares environmental reviews for its own federally funded programs.

Attachments:

1. Request for Release of Funds and Certification (HUD Form 7015.15)
2. Letter from 211 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast, Inc. requesting assistance

Recommended By: Jonathan Brown 8/13/2024
 Department Director Date

Approved By: [Signature] 9/9/24
 Assistant County Administrator Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs					
External Revenues					
Program Income					
In-Kind Match (County)					
NET FISCAL IMPACT					

# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	-0-				
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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
 Does this item include the use of State 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: Valerie Alleyne
 Valerie Alleyne, Division Director II
 Finance and Administrative Services, HED

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

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

Laura M. ... 8/15/2024
 OFMB JA 8/15 DA 8/15
Brundage ... 8/22/24
 Contract Development and Control
 Int 8/22/24

B. Legal Sufficiency:

[Signature] 8/23/24
 Chief Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

 Department Director

Part 2. Environmental Certification (to be completed by responsible entity)

With reference to the above Program Activity(ies)/Project(s), I, the undersigned officer of the responsible entity, certify that:

1. The responsible entity has fully carried out its responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action pertaining to the project(s) named above.
2. The responsible entity has assumed responsibility for and complied with and will continue to comply with, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the environmental procedures, permit requirements and statutory obligations of the laws cited in 24 CFR 58.5; and also agrees to comply with the authorities in 24 CFR 58.6 and applicable State and local laws.
3. The responsible entity has assumed responsibility for and complied with and will continue to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and its implementing regulations 36 CFR 800, including consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer, Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations, and the public.
4. After considering the type and degree of environmental effects identified by the environmental review completed for the proposed project described in Part 1 of this request, I have found that the proposal did did not require the preparation and dissemination of an environmental impact statement.
5. The responsible entity has disseminated and/or published in the manner prescribed by 24 CFR 58.43 and 58.55 a notice to the public in accordance with 24 CFR 58.70 and as evidenced by the attached copy (copies) or evidence of posting and mailing procedure.
6. The dates for all statutory and regulatory time periods for review, comment or other action are in compliance with procedures and requirements of 24 CFR Part 58.
7. In accordance with 24 CFR 58.71(b), the responsible entity will advise the recipient (if different from the responsible entity) of any special environmental conditions that must be adhered to in carrying out the project.

As the duly designated certifying official of the responsible entity, I also certify that:

8. I am authorized to and do consent to assume the status of Federal official under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and each provision of law designated in the 24 CFR 58.5 list of NEPA-related authorities insofar as the provisions of these laws apply to the HUD responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action that have been assumed by the responsible entity.
9. I am authorized to and do accept, on behalf of the recipient personally, the jurisdiction of the Federal courts for the enforcement of all these responsibilities, in my capacity as certifying officer of the responsible entity.

Signature of Certifying Officer of the Responsible Entity

Title of Certifying Officer

Mayor

X

Date signed

09/17/2024

Address of Certifying Officer

Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners
301 Olive Avenue, 12th Floor
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Part 3. To be completed when the Recipient is not the Responsible Entity

The recipient requests the release of funds for the programs and activities identified in Part 1 and agrees to abide by the special conditions, procedures and requirements of the environmental review and to advise the responsible entity of any proposed change in the scope of the project or any change in environmental conditions in accordance with 24 CFR 58.71(b).

Signature of Authorized Officer of the Recipient

Title of Authorized Officer

X

Date signed

Warning: HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil penalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802)



Palm Beach and
Treasure Coast

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Dear Jo,

211 Palm Beach and Treasure Coast has recently been awarded a US Department of Housing and Urban Development Fiscal Year 2024 Economic Development Initiative (EDI) – Community Project Funding (CPF) grant. In accordance with the terms of this award, we are requesting that PBC HED assist with preparation of the required Part 58 Environmental Review.

Please let me know if you would need any information in addition to what has been submitted. We appreciate your partnership!

Sincerely,

Ty Barnes
Chief Strategy Officer

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ATTACHMENT 2