Agenda Item #: 5B-2

PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	September 17, 2024	[] Consent [] Ordinance	[X] Regular [] Public Hearing
Department:	Housing and Economic	Development	•

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding of \$200,000 to The Path to College Foundation, Inc. (PTCF) for the Catapult Youth Mentoring Center (CYMC).

Summary: The Department of Housing and Economic Development (DHED) has identified \$200,000 in CDBG funds recaptured from various fiscal years from projects that were successfully completed under budget or projects that did not move forward. DHED is proposing that these funds be used for improvements to a building located at 1213 Lake Avenue in the City of Lake Worth Beach that will house the CYMC. Improvements to the facility will include interior/exterior painting, interior framing, elevator, flooring, and other fixtures. PTCF is a local non-profit organization that transforms and connects communities' one driven student at a time - helping those who are willing and ready to help themselves, empowering the community's best and brightest regardless of race or financial background. The CYMC will provide students with mentoring, career-aptitude assessment, scholastic aptitude test preparation, academic tutoring, resume creation, college search guidance and application, and scholarship application services. The services will be free of charge to students. Per CDBG requirements, at least 51% of the clientele will be persons whose household income is no greater than 80% of Area Median Income. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$1,565,300, and PTCF will fund the non-CDBG balance of cost. These are Federal CDBG funds which do not require a local match. District 3 (HJF)

Background and Policy Issues: The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides Palm Beach County an annual formula-based allocation of CDBG funds. The CDBG program supports efforts to provide college preparation and guidance to high school students. The proposed project is CDBG eligible under 24 CFR 570.201(c) – Public Facilities & Improvements. The project will meet the National Objective under 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2)(i) – Limited Clientele Activities. The CDBG funding is contingent upon completion of an amendment to the County's Action Plan and an environmental review in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58.

Attachments:

- 1. Location Map
- 2. Project Description

Recommended By:	Department Director	8/13/2024 Date
Approved By:	Jam Z Z Z Assistant County Administrator	8/19/24 Date



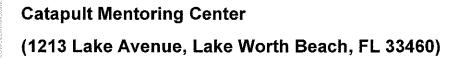
II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

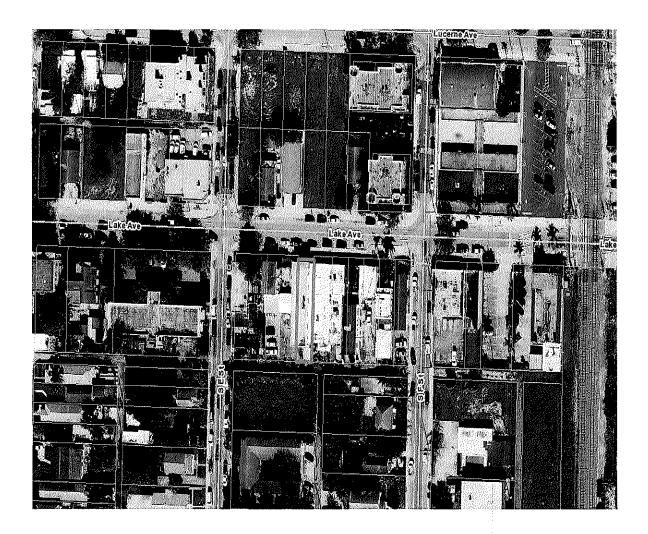
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Operating Costs		\$200,000			
External Revenues		(\$200,000)			
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Department Director

LOCATION MAP



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Program Description - Path to College (Catapult Youth Mentoring Center)

Path to College Foundation, Inc. (PTCF) is a local 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, created in 2017, dedicated to transform and connect communities' one driven student at a time – helping those who are willing and ready to help themselves, empowering the community's best and brightest regardless of race or financial background. The mission of PTCF is to expand minds and ignite potential to the families of low-income high school students by providing college preparation and guidance via a successful and free program. Each student is paired with a long-term mentor. As of today, 100% of their participants have graduated high school and have been accepted to a four (4) year colleges and/or universities. PTCF currently serves underserved high school students within the service area from Lake Worth Road north to Riviera Beach. In 2022-2023, their free programming reached 1,108 students.

PTCF is looking to expand their services through the Catapult Youth Mentoring Center (CYMC), which will be located at 1213 Lake Avenue in the City of Lake Worth. The facility for the CYMC is a vanilla structure of 5,000 square feet that requires improvements. The scope of work includes exterior/interior painting, insulation and drywall for interior walls, installation of offices, conference room, classroom, elevator, doors, blinds and other finishes fixtures. CYMC will address a critical need in the Lake Worth High School service area. CYMC will not only provide a solution to the lack of college enrollment, but their mentoring program offers a solution to young people with high Adverse Childhood Experiences scores. A mentoring center offers hope, caring adults, and a fellowship of peers that is an attractive alternative to substance abuse. This center will serve an additional 100 unduplicated students. There is public transportation near the facility, which will eliminate a primary barrier to accessing college preparation education due to lack of transportation. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$1,563,300, and PTCF will fund all costs above the CDBG award.