



ITEM SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: May 15, 2023

FROM: Teri Lea Beiriger, Director of Finance

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 2023-20 Interlocal Coop Agreement with Palm Beach County – Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

BACKGROUND

In order for the City to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds through Palm Beach County Housing and Community Development (HCD), the City is required to execute an Interlocal Agreement with Palm Beach County. In the past, the City entered into Agreements with the County for three (3) year terms. The most recent Agreement, covering the fiscal years 2022, 2023 and 2024 was approved by City Council on May 18, 2020 via Resolution 2020-08.

The Agreement has a provision to automatically renewed for a three-year qualification period at the end of each three (3) year Qualification Period unless either party provides the other party a written notice in which it elects not to participate in a new qualification period. The previously approved Resolution did provide for an automatic extension. The current year qualifying period will expire on September 30, 2024 and would renew to cover the October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2027 time period.

The County has an amendment to Clause 11 of the Agreement or notification that the City will not extend. The County has amended the clause in the original agreement to promote adherence to Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968. Section 3 seeks to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD financial assistance shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing, and to business concerns which provide economic opportunities to low- and very low-income persons. Applicability of Section 3 requirements is limited to activities funded by HUD programs.

The current request is to maintain the extension covering from October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2027.

ANALYSIS

The extension of this existing agreement is to cover fiscal years 2025, 2026, and 2027, as well as subsequent three (3) year qualification periods. The Resolution also provides for the amendment to the Agreement. Approval of the agreement renewal and amendment allows the City to utilize CDBG grant funds for improvements within Target Areas of the City.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Over the past three years, the City has received a total of \$398,724 in regular CDBG grants to fund infrastructure improvements in the Original Section Target Area. Since the beginning of the City's participation in the CDBG program in 1977, \$5,087,000 has been received. The approval of the Resolution will allow the City to continue to apply for these valuable grants.

LEGAL

Resolution 2023-20 was prepared in accordance with all applicable City Code requirements.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approval of Resolution 2023-20 authorizing the extension of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with HCD, as well as subsequent renewals for three (3) year qualifications periods.