



# TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH

## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

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**MEETING TYPE:** Town Commission

**MEETING DATE** May 16, 2023

**SUBMITTED BY:** Ingrid Allen, Town Planner, Building Department

**SUBJECT:** Amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Palm Beach County and the Town of Highland Beach enabling the Town to continue to participate in Palm Beach County's Urban County Program for Fiscal Years 2024-2026.

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### SUMMARY:

On May 19, 2020, the Town Commission approved an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement ("Agreement") between Palm Beach County and the Town of Highland Beach to formalize the Town's participation in the urban county qualification process for Federal Fiscal Years 2021-2023 (motion carried 5-0). In order to receive federal community development funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), the Town agreed to participate with the County in the creation of the Urban County Program jurisdiction.

The Agreement is automatically renewed every three (3) years at the end of the qualification period. HUD has amended one (1) of the clauses in the original agreement to promote adherence to regulations pertaining to non-discrimination in HUD programs or activities receiving Federal Finance Assistance. The Agreement is being amended to comply with this HUD requirement which was not included in the previous Agreement. The Town's continued participation in the Urban County Program will increase the amount of federal funding which HUD allocates to the County program, thereby benefitting the wider local community.

The HUD programs associated with the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement are primarily targeted to low and moderate income populations. The Town's demographics would preclude allocation of funds to the Town; however, the funds support community facilities located outside of the Town which Town residents may use. These funds support services for abused children, victims of domestic violence, veterans, persons with disabilities, etc.

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### FISCAL IMPACT

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

Amended Interlocal Cooperation Agreement.

Letter from PBC Department of Housing & Economic Sustainability (April 20, 2023).

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve Amended Interlocal Cooperation Agreement.