



Town of Lake Park Town Commission

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date: July 15, 2026
Originating Department: Community Development Department & Communications and Grants Department
Agenda Title: Presentation & Direction - Urban County Qualification Process - Palm Beach County Housing & Economic Development (HED)

Approved by Town Manager: _____ **Date:** _____

Cost of Item: N/A **Funding Source:** _____
Account Number: _____ **Finance Signature:** Barbara A. Gould

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_____ Yes I have notified everyone
_____ Not applicable in this case

Summary Explanation/Background:

Palm Beach County is currently undertaking the Urban County Qualification Process required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to maintain eligibility for federal funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs for Fiscal Years 2027–2029.

Palm Beach County, together with 33 participating municipalities, currently forms the Palm Beach County Urban County Program jurisdiction. While municipalities with populations exceeding 50,000 may qualify to receive HUD entitlement funding directly, most municipalities benefit from participating in the Urban County Program, which allows HUD to treat the County and participating municipalities as a single jurisdiction for purposes of administering CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding.

Participation in the Urban County Program provides several important benefits, particularly for

municipalities that do not administer their own affordable housing or community development programs. Through the Urban County Program, residents of participating municipalities gain access to a wide range of County-administered programs and services, including:

- First-time homebuyer assistance
- Housing rehabilitation and repair programs
- Demolition and redevelopment assistance
- Rental assistance programs
- Mortgage and foreclosure prevention assistance
- Homelessness prevention and supportive housing services
- Community development projects that improve neighborhoods & public facilities

Additionally, participating municipalities may be eligible to receive allocations of federal grant funding for eligible community development projects that address local needs and priorities. Participation also allows municipalities to leverage County expertise and administrative capacity, eliminating the need to establish and manage complex federal grant programs independently.

Every three years, Palm Beach County must requalify with HUD as an Urban County. Under HUD Notice CPD-26-08, issued May 15, 2026, no amendments to the existing Urban County Cooperation Agreement are required. The current agreement will automatically renew unless a municipality elects to withdraw from participation.

To satisfy HUD's qualification requirements, the County is request that the Town provide written confirmation of our continued participation in the Palm Beach County Urban County Program for Fiscal Years 2027–2029.

Ms. Alessandra Tasca, Division Director – Strategic Planning with the Palm Beach County Housing & Economic Development (HED) will be in attendance to provide a presentation and answer any questions that the Commission may have.

Recommended Motion:

The Town Commission consider, discuss and provide direction/input on providing written confirmation of the Town's continued participation in the Palm Beach County Urban County Program for Fiscal Years 2027–2029.