

EXECUTIVE BRIEF REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA DATE: November 16, 2021

DEPARTMENT: City Manager/Financial
Services

TITLE:

Resolution No. 83-2021 – Fiscal Year 2022 operating budget amendment providing \$50,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to support a partnership with the Legal Aid Society of PBC, Inc.

SUMMARY:

As part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the City will be receiving two tranches of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. On September 10, 2021, the first of two tranches in the amount of \$9,647,944 was received. The City Commission approved and ratified a contract for legal aid eviction support with the Legal Aid Society of PBC, Inc. for the benefit of Lake Worth Beach residents using a portion of these funds on September 9, 2021.

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

The Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued an order that went into effect September 4, 2020, which prohibited landlords from evicting tenants for non-payment of rent if the tenant meets certain qualifications. The final extension of this order, expired September 30, 2021. This Order does not relieve any individual of any obligation to pay rent, make a housing payment, or comply with any other obligation that the individual may have under a tenancy, lease, or similar contract. Nothing in the Order precludes the charging or collecting of fees, penalties, or interest as a result of the failure to pay rent or other housing payment on a timely basis, under the terms of any applicable contract.

On September 9, 2021, the City Commission approved to engage in a contract with the Legal Aid Society of PBC, Inc. Legal Aid agrees to provide legal assistance services to eligible Lake Worth Beach tenants experiencing the risk of eviction and/or homelessness.

MOTION:

Move to approve/disapprove Resolution No. 83-2021 – amending the fiscal year 2022 operating budget providing \$50,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to support a partnership with the Legal Aid Society of PBC, Inc.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Fiscal Impact Analysis
Resolution 83-2021
Exhibit A

