

STAFF REPORT REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA DATE: April 15, 2025

DEPARTMENT: City Manager

TITLE:

Grant Agreement with For the Children, Inc, fiscal agent for Healthier Lake Worth Beach

SUMMARY:

Proposed Grant Agreement between the City of Lake Worth Beach, and For the Children, Inc. as fiscal agent for Healthier Lake Worth Beach to provide assistance to vulnerable residents to address code violations and code compliance challenges.

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

During the fiscal year 2024/2025 budget, the Commission budgeted \$75,000 to assist with funding an initiative between Healthier Lake Worth Beach program and the City of Lake Worth Beach Code Compliance Division. These funds will be used to assist with funding a program that offers services to assist Lake Worth Beach residents experiencing code compliance challenges to make repairs to their home. Healthier Lake Worth Beach has been working with the code compliance division since 2021, and through the years, the city has provided Healthier Lake Worth Beach with an average of 22 referrals each year, in addition, they receive approximately 10 referrals each year directly from residents and other organizations around the city. Healthier Lake Worth Beach and its partners have assisted 80 residents with exterior curb appeal and code compliance issues. Most homes were in dire need of extensive exterior repairs. Based on feedback we received from residents who participated in the program and the Code Compliance Division, the collaboration has been successful in addressing the needs of the participants. The services include assistance with the following:

- Address Curb Appeal – Façade
- Bulk Garbage – Trash – Debris
- Illegal Dumping
- Landscape – Tree Trimming
- Repair or Replace Broken Fence
- Repair or Replace Windows, Shutters & Awnings
- Repair or Replace Fascia boards
- Exterior Pressure Cleaning and Painting
- Unsafe Roof (Holes, Caving)
- Interior Living Conditions That Lead to Health Issues (i.e., mold, lead-paint)

Code Compliance Officers occasionally meet customers who express the inability to address code violations or code compliance challenges for various reasons. When this occurs, the Code Compliance Officer can provide the residents with a referral to call Healthier Lake Worth Beach who will determine if the resident meets the criteria as established by the program. This serves as a resource to assist residents in addressing noncompliance concerns. In collaboration with other community partners, Healthier Lake Worth Beach works closely with the homeowner to implement strategies that will assist with bringing the residents' homes into voluntary compliance. The city's participation in the Healthier Lake Worth Beach program helps to enhance the quality of life for our residents, improves and beautifies our neighborhoods, and reduces the amount of time code compliance officers must devote towards assisting the homeowners with bringing a property into complete compliance. Taking part in the program,

in some cases, allows the resident to make repairs before the formal process is administered by the Code Compliance Division.

During the process of addressing the code violations, additional time is allowed for compliance prior to presenting the case before a Special Magistrate, all liens (if any), will remain intact until such time the violations are corrected. The process for removal of liens is consistent with the city's policy and residents can apply for a lien reduction.

To be eligible for the program, city residents must meet the following criteria as established and monitored by Healthier Lake Worth Beach:

- Must reside in the 33460 zip code
- Home must be occupied by the owner
- Disabled (No gender or age requirements)
- Seniors (low income or limited income or life-threatening health condition)
- Single Parent with Children (low income or limited income or life-threatening health condition)
- Mortgage payments must be current
- No multiple liens on property
- Home must not be for sale
- Must have a plan to sustain or maintain the work and stay compliant to Code
- Must be willing to sign a **Hold Harmless Clause**

This agreement is with For the Children, Inc., a non-profit corporation authorized to do business in the State of Florida. For the Children, Inc. is the Fiscal Agent for the Healthier Lake Worth Beach program. The Healthier Lake Worth Beach program is part of the Healthier Together initiative of the Palm Health Foundation. The Foundation requires each Healthier Together program select a local organization to oversee the fiscal management of the program.

As a part of the grant, Healthier Lake Worth Beach shall submit an annual review to the city documenting expenditures that includes a description of the number of residents assisted; the addresses and code case number, where the services were provided; the goods or services purchased and any other documentation or information requested by the city.

The term of this Agreement shall be from the date this Agreement is fully executed by the parties through the date the Grant Award has been fully expended and reported to the city, as required herein, unless terminated earlier.

MOTION:

Move to approve/disapprove the Grant Agreement between the City of Lake Worth Beach, and For the Children, Inc. as fiscal agent for the Healthier Lake Worth Beach program to aid vulnerable residents of the city to address code violations and code compliance challenges.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Fiscal Impact Analysis
Grant Agreement

FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Inflows/Revenues					
Appropriated (Budgeted)	0	0	0	0	0
Program Income	0	0	0	0	0
Grants	0	0	0	0	0
In Kind	0	0	0	0	0
Outflows/Expenditures					
Appropriated (Budgeted)	\$75,000	0	0	0	0
Operating	0	0	0	0	0
Capital	0	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact (If not budgeted)	0	0	0	0	0
No. of Addn'l Full-Time Employee Positions	0	0	0	0	0

Contract Award – Existing Appropriation (Budgeted)	
	Expenditure
Department	General Fund
Division	City Commissioners
GL Description	Other Contractual Services
GL Account Number	001-1010-511.34-50
Project Number	N/A
Requested Funds	\$75,000
Remaining Balance	\$118,754.08
Source of Revenue (i.e. Paygo. Current Revenue, Bond Money, Grants, etc.)	Paygo