

STAFF REPORT REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA DATE: August 4, 2026

DEPARTMENT: City Manager

TITLE:

Confirmation of Continued Participation in the Palm Beach County Urban County Program

SUMMARY:

Confirmation of continued participation in the Palm Beach County Urban County Program for the Fiscal years 2024-2027

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

The city currently participates as one of 33 municipalities within the Palm Beach County Urban County Program. Participation enables Palm Beach County and its participating municipalities to be treated as a single jurisdiction for purposes of administering federal grant programs. This partnership provides residents access to a variety of County-administered housing and community development programs, including first-time homebuyer assistance, housing rehabilitation, rental and homelessness assistance, neighborhood revitalization initiatives, and other eligible community development activities. Participation also provides the City with opportunities to compete for federal funding for eligible local projects while leveraging the County's administrative expertise and avoiding the costs and complexities associated with administering federal grant programs independently.

On August 19, 2014, the Board of County Commissioners executed an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the City of Lake Worth Beach (formerly the City of Lake Worth) as part of the Urban County Qualification Process for Federal Fiscal Years 2015-2017 and subsequently renewed for another three-year period. Under this Agreement, the City agreed to participate with the County for access to federal community development funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), including its annual formula allocation of Community Development Block Grant funds. The terms of the Agreement include automatic renewal of participation in the Urban Partnership at the end of every qualification period of three years, with the option to terminate the Agreement prior to the next qualifying period.

Amendment 001

Resolution No. 15-2020 authorizing and approving Amendment 001 to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the City's continued participation in the Urban County Partnership during the three-year period of Federal Fiscal Years 2021-2023 (October 1, 2020) through September 30, 2024). This amendment to the agreement to renew the City's continued participation contains an amended clause that HUD has provided to promote adherence to Section 3 of the Housing and Community 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 possible, be directed to low and very-low-income persons. Applicability of Section 3 requirements is limited to activities funded by HUD programs.

Amendment 002

Amendment 002 to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement extended the City's participation in the Urban County Partnership for Fiscal Years 2024-2026 (October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2027). This Amendment contains an amended clause to promote adherence to relations pertaining to non-discrimination in HUD programs or activities receiving Federal Financial Assistance.

Proposed Amendment

HUD Notice CPD-26-08, issued on May 15, 2026, provides that no amendments to the existing Urban County Cooperation Agreement are required for the FY 2027–2029 qualification period. The City was asked to provide written confirmation of its intent to remain in the Urban County Program, under the automatic renewal of the existing Cooperation Agreement by July 31, 2026. The City Manager has signed the attached confirmation letter which was transmitted to the County by the requested deadline.

The Commission is requested to ratify the approval of the attached Participation Confirmation Letter which authorizes the City to continue its participation in the Palm Beach County Urban County Program for Fiscal Years 2027–2029 and ensures continued eligibility for federally funded housing and community development resources available through Palm Beach County.

MOTION:

Move to approve/disapprove the ratification of the Participation Confirmation Letter authorizing the city to continue its participation in the Palm Beach County Urban County Program for Fiscal Year 2027-2029.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Fiscal Impact Analysis – N/A

Original Interlocal and amendments

Palm Beach County (PBG) Urban County Qualification Renewal letters