

# EXECUTIVE BRIEF REGULAR MEETING

**AGENDA DATE:** August 3, 2021

**DEPARTMENT:** Commission

**TITLE:**

Approving the not to exceed \$50,000 use from American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to support a partnership for eviction prevention legal representation and services for Lake Worth Beach residents

**SUMMARY:**

As part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the City will be receiving Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. The initial deposit of the funds is expected before the end of Fiscal Year 2021. The eviction moratorium sunsets on July 31, 2021. The City would like to enter into a contract for legal aid eviction support to benefit of Lake Worth Beach residents using a portion of these funds.

**BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:**

The Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued an order that went into effect September 4, 2020. The final extension will expire on July 31, 2021. The order bans landlords from evicting tenants for non-payment of rent if the tenant meets certain qualifications. This order DOES NOT release or forgive a tenant's obligation to pay rent. Tenants may also still be evicted for reasons other than not paying rent or making a housing payment. At the end of this temporary halt on evictions, a landlord may require payment in full for all payments not made prior to and during the temporary halt.

The City is seeking to engage in a contractual partnership to benefit Lake Worth Beach residents in need of legal representation and services of eviction prevention.

**MOTION:**

Move to approve/disapprove the use not to exceed \$50,000 from American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to support a contractual partnership for eviction prevention legal representation and services for Lake Worth Beach residents.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Fiscal Impact Analysis

Back up materials will be available at the meeting

