

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**  
**ANNUAL ACTION PLAN OF THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN**  
**FOR THE 2009-2010 PROGRAM YEAR**  
**BUDGET and NARRATIVE SUMMARY**

The federal government requires that an Annual Action Plan be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) before the City can receive certain federal funds, including funds under the following programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME); Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) program; and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). The 2009-10 allocations from HUD to the City for these programs are: ESG - \$91,431; HOME - \$1,097,867; HOPWA - \$7,545,922 and CDBG - \$2,069,722. A summary of proposed activities for these programs is as follows.

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**EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT (ESG) PROGRAM**

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<b>PROPOSED ACTIVITIES 2009-10 ESG BUDGET:</b>	<b>\$91,431</b>
<b>Homeless Assistance</b>	<b>\$60,801</b>
<b>Homeless Prevention</b>	<b>\$26,058</b>
<b>Administration</b>	<b>\$ 4,572</b>

**HOMELESS ASSISTANCE CENTER:** Funds will be provided to the Broward Partnership for the Homeless, Inc for continued operation of the Homeless Assistance Center on Sunrise Boulevard. Funds will be used for operation of the shelter. Matching funds will be provided by actual County staff time worked at the Homeless Assistance Center.

**HOMELESS PREVENTION:** Continued funding to Broward County, via the Bureau of Children and Family Services, for operation of the Homeless Prevention Program. The funds will be used to provide short-term rent/mortgage assistance and utilities (water/electricity) to Ft. Lauderdale families facing eviction notices or notices of termination of utility services. The assistance is limited to six months or \$3,000 per household. Staff will provide matching funds for the Homeless Prevention Program.

**ADMINISTRATION:** The City is permitted to use 5% of its annual ESG allocation for administration of ESG programs.

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**HOME**

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<b>PROPOSED ACTIVITIES 2009-10 HOME BUDGET</b>	<b>\$1,097,867</b>
<b>CHDO Set Aside</b>	<b>\$ 164,680</b>
<b>Rehabilitation/Replacement Housing</b>	<b>\$ 323,400</b>
<b>Purchase Assistance</b>	<b>\$ 500,000</b>
<b>Administration</b>	<b>\$ 109,787</b>

**CHDO SET-ASIDE:** The City is required to set-aside 15% of its annual HOME allocation for an eligible Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO). These non-profit

organizations are committed to develop affordable housing in the communities they serve. A formal RFP process will be used to select the CHDO(s), which will receive the assistance.

**REHABILITATION/REPLACEMENT HOUSING:** Funds will be used to provide assistance to eligible homeowners throughout the City to bring their homes up to standard condition and to construct new homes for eligible homeowners whose units are beyond repair. The assistance will be provided in the form of deferred loans.

**PURCHASE ASSISTANCE:** Funds will be used to provide purchase assistance to qualified homebuyers in the form of deferred payment loans to be applied toward down payment, closing costs and or principle reduction for the purchase of eligible owner-occupied housing which includes single family homes, condominiums or villas. Eligible housing types under this strategy include, newly constructed and infill lots.

**ADMINISTRATION:** The City is permitted to use 10% of its annual HOME allocation for administration of HOME programs. The required match for HOME activities will be provided by State Housing Initiatives Partnerships (SHIP) Program funds.

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### HOPWA

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<b>PROPOSED ACTIVITIES 2009-10 HOPWA BUDGET:</b>	<b>\$7,545,922.00</b>
<b>Short-Term, Rent, Mortgage &amp; Utilities (STRMU)</b>	<b>\$ 300,000.00</b>
<b>Permanent Placement Housing</b>	<b>\$ 250,000.00</b>
<b>Assisted Living Facility Placement</b>	<b>\$ 750,000.00</b>
<b>Substance Abuse Housing</b>	<b>\$ 800,000.00</b>
<b>Rental Vouchers/Client Based</b>	<b>\$2,200,000.00</b>
<b>Project-based Rental Assistance</b>	<b>\$1,000,000.00</b>
<b>Mental Health Housing</b>	<b>\$ 350,000.00</b>
<b>Community Based Housing Residence Assistance and Services</b>	<b>\$ 400,000.00</b>
<b>Emergency Transition Housing</b>	<b>\$1,019,544.34</b>
<b>Housing Case Management</b>	<b>\$ 150,000.00</b>
<b>Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)</b>	<b>\$ 100,000.00</b>
<b>Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 226,377.66</b>

**SHORT-TERM, RENT, MORTGAGE & UTILITIES (STRMU):** Continued support for emergency financial assistance for payment of rent, mortgage and utilities. Rent or mortgage payments will be limited to 21 weeks per year per household and will be made directly to the landlord or mortgage company. No payments are made directly to a client. Utility payments will be limited to \$1,000 per year and will be disbursed directly to the utility company.

**PERMANENT HOUSING PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE:** Continued support to provide HIV/AIDS persons who are ready to move into independent housing units to pay for first, last and security deposits. Clients should be homeless, or reside in a residential treatment center, transitional or short-term housing facility. Clients who already reside in independent housing are ineligible unless they have a need to move. Clients will have to demonstrate the ability to continue to pay the rent after initial assistance.

**ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY PLACEMENTS:** Continued support for placement in Assisted Living Facilities. The program will be provided for clients who require supervision and some assistance with their activities of daily living. Meals, housekeeping, and all utility costs are included.



<b>Fair Housing Activities (Public Service Activity)</b>	<b>\$ 30,000.00</b>
<b>Homeless Prevention (Public Service Activity - Broward County Human Services Department)</b>	<b>\$ 50,000.00</b>
<b>Public Service Activities</b>	
<b>Broward Homebound Program</b>	<b>\$ 13,944.00</b>
<b>Broward Partnership for the Homeless</b>	<b>\$ 22,545.50</b>
<b>Covenant House</b>	<b>\$ 22,545.50</b>
<b>Cross Road Food Bank</b>	<b>\$ 24,500.00</b>
<b>First Call For Help</b>	<b>\$ 12,545.50</b>
<b>Jack &amp; Jill Children's Center-Infant Toddler Program</b>	<b>\$ 22,545.50</b>
<b>Lighthouse for the Blind of Broward County</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>
<b>New Visions CDC</b>	<b>\$ 21,045.50</b>
<b>Russell Life Skills &amp; Reading Education</b>	<b>\$ 17,540.50</b>
<b>Safe Water Instruction Means Safety (S.W.I.M.S.)</b>	<b>\$ 17,545.50</b>
<b>Second Chance Society</b>	<b>\$ 22,545.50</b>
<b>Women In Distress</b>	<b>\$ 23,160.30</b>
<b>Administration</b>	<b>\$ 413,944.00</b>
<b>Anticipated Program Income:</b>	<b>\$ 170,410.00</b>

Any program income received will be added to the ongoing approved projects, as needed.

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## **HOUSING PROGRAMS**

**REHABILITATION:** Funds will be used to make emergency plumbing, roofing, electrical and structural repairs to homes occupied by income eligible homeowners. Improvements to the exterior homes will be funded to correct or prevent code violations. The funds will be provided as a fifteen (15) year, 0% deferred forgivable loan, payable upon transfer or sale.

**REHAB ADMINISTRATION:** This line item is known commonly as project delivery costs. It is used to cover salaries and benefits of eligible HCD staff that work within the CDBG and HOME programs.

**TRANSITIONAL HOUSING MANAGEMENT:** Funds will be used for management of the City's transitional properties used to house our clients while a replacement home is being built for them or while their homes are being rehabbed under our housing program. A formal RFP process will be used to select the agency that will provide the service.

**FORECLOSURE PREVENTION PROGRAM:** Provides one-time financial assistance to eligible low-income homeowners whose mortgages are currently in foreclosure.

### **NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION STRATEGY AREA (NRSA)**

**MOUNT BETHEL CHILDCARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:** Funds will provide low-income Ft. Lauderdale families who meet prescribed criteria a voucher program to provide affordable childcare assistance for care of children between ages of 0 – 11 years of age.

**MOUNT BETHEL FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER:** Funds will provide low-income Ft. Lauderdale families who meet prescribed criteria neighborhood-based support services which include, but not limited to, case management, information and referral, parenting education and

support, diversion services, foster care related services, employability/self-sufficiency training, family literacy, emergency financial assistance and child care.

## **PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS**

**BROWARD HOMEBOUND PROGRAM:** Program provides in-home services to elderly and disabled adults 18-59 years of age, i.e., homemaker services, which include light housekeeping assistance, laundry, meal prep and grocery shopping, personal care, and respite care which will furnish relief to the caregiver of clients. Case Manager will link clients to community resources, providing assistance enabling them to continue to live independently.

**BROWARD PARTNERSHIP FOR THE HOMELESS:** Program will provide additional financial assistance with the cost of mass food service at their emergency shelter operation at their Homeless Assistance Center, which includes three meals per day, to more than 200 people for 365 days per year.

**COVENANT HOUSE:** Program will admit homeless adolescent families and provide safe place to sleep, nourishing meals, shower, clean clothes and caring adults (case managers) to link these disadvantaged and/or abused families to needed supportive services. Services include job readiness training, parenting education, daily living skills, substance abuse treatment, finding and maintaining jobs, interviewing.

**CROSS ROAD FOOD BANK:** Program assists individual Fort Lauderdale residents by distributing large quantities of nutritious food at no monthly charge, in addition to serving quality bulk food to 105 helping agencies weekly.

**FIRST CALL FOR HELP:** Funds will provide Broward County's only 24/7/365 comprehensive Help-Line Service which significantly benefits low and moderate income Ft. Lauderdale residents as a toll-free phone number that reaches their Help-Line counselors who assess needs of callers and offer information and referrals to health and human services and crisis suicide intervention. Project will provide phone based case management services, a higher level of support and assistance by utilizing skilled case managers to assist callers who need additional/more intense support, i.e., medical care, mental healthcare, substance abuse treatment, family services, childcare, housing and food.

**JACK & JILL CHILDREN'S CENTER-INFANT AND TODDLER PROGRAM FOR MOMS RETURNING TO WORK:** Program provides quality day care service for infants and toddlers up to 24 months for disadvantaged families, allowing parents to work. Provides safe and nurturing, learning environment for infants and toddlers fostering their physical, emotional and cognitive development and helps families to get needed services. Will also provide wraparound family services, i.e., parenting classes, food and clothing bank and emergency financial assistance.

**LIGHTHOUSE OF BROWARD COUNTY, INC.:** Program provides independent living skills training for visually impaired seniors over the age of 60, i.e., safe travel indoors and outdoors, safe and nutritious meal preparation, handling finances, personal grooming, home management, medication management, access to other community resources and recreational activities, communication skills etc.

**NEW VISIONS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION - FINANCIAL LITERACY & SOCIO-ECONOMIC COUNSELING IN A DOWNTOWN ECONOMY PROGRAM:** Program provides specialized counseling and financial literacy workshops,

budgeting and credit repair, fair housing workshops, predatory lending workshops, rental workshops, debt management plan, counseling and referral to other social service agencies for rental assistance, transitional housing and homelessness to low-moderate income City of Fort Lauderdale residents.

**RUSSELL LIFE SKILLS & READING EDUCATION:** Their Russell Reading Program is dedicated to tackling high illiteracy rate of inner city youth and lack of educational resources available to them by engaging students in creative learning experiences that foster love for reading and enhancing communication skills. They provide free after-school tutoring and a Mentoring Program, which promotes self-empowerment and positive life choices. Program will include a speech pathologist/ESE teacher who will have the knowledge and experience necessary to quickly identify students in need at each of the program centers and help them build critical language skills.

**SECOND CHANCE SOCIETY:** Provides assistance to clients to overcome material barriers to employment which they cannot otherwise obtain, by providing tools, uniforms, work clothing, safety equipment, licensing fees, medical exams, etc. that are required of clients as a pre-condition of employment. Also assists homeless and struggling clients who are enrolled in vocational training, leading to certification or competency in a viable trade, by providing textbooks and school supplies.

**WOMEN IN DISTRESS:** Funds will support a portion of one FTE advocate to provide outreach services, individual and group counseling and information and referral services to City of Fort Lauderdale low-moderate income residents who are victims of domestic violence and who choose to receive support services in central Broward County at satellite locations.

**HOMELESS PREVENTION:** Funds will provide assistance to eligible renters and homeowners who are in danger of being evicted, foreclosed or having utilities shut off.

**FAIR HOUSING ACTIVITIES:** This program provides fair housing education and outreach to residents of the City on fair housing issues, rights and remedies. A formal RFP process will be used to select the agency that will provide the service.

## **PUBLIC FACILITIES/IMPROVEMENTS**

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN:** Funds will be utilized as approved by the Commission to address public facility or infrastructure improvements in eligible District areas.

**NEIGHBORHOOD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:** Funds are used as a match to NCIP grants to provide construction of capital improvements that will enhance the overall quality of life in CDBG eligible neighborhoods throughout the City of Fort Lauderdale. Improvements include sidewalks, curbs and swales, entry signs, decorative signage, street improvements.

**COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY:** Funds will be utilized as approved by the Commission to fund eligible CRA activities.

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:** Funding for program administrative costs related to planning and execution of community development activities. The City is limited to 20% of its CDBG annual allocation for administrative costs.