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DATE: May 26, 2015
TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Delores James, AHAC Chairperson 
SUBJECT: FY 2015-2016 Community Grant Program Funding Recommendations

On behalf of the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC), I am honored to present our FY 2015-2016 Community Grant Program (CGP) funding recommendations. The AHAC based its recommendations on a thorough review of applications and comments from the applicant agencies and the general public at our May 18, 2015 Meeting. The AHAC reviewed and considered each agency's application for funding, based on the CGP guidelines. We also worked to ensure that all requested programs and services supported one or more of the funding priorities established by the City Commission for homeless or needy individuals and families that reside within the City. Our funding recommendations reflect the AHAC's desire to make the best use of CGP program funds as established by the City Commission.

In contrast to most previous years, the funding amounts requested exceeded the total amount anticipated to be allocated for the CGP program. As a result, we recognized that at least some agencies would receive less funding than requested for their programs. Additionally, the AHAC determined that most of the applicant agencies met the CGP program funding and application criteria; and that the values of those programs are similar. Rather than trying to establish and agree on differences in the value of the agencies' programs, and quantify those differences in terms of dollars, we elected to reduce our funding recommendations by an equal proportion for all qualified agencies.

The AHAC reviewed and evaluated forty-seven (47) agency applications, and recommended funding forty-six (46) agencies in the amount of \$112,500 to provide community programs and services. Based on CGP guidelines and application criteria, there was one (1) agency application determined to be ineligible. Attached for your reference is a copy of the AHAC's CGP funding recommendations. This report shows each agency request for funding by service category and our funding recommendations for each agency.

The City Commission, at its June 18, 2015 meeting, will consider AHAC's funding recommendations to determine which agencies will be awarded funding to provide services through the CGP. We respectfully and humbly request the City Commission to consider our funding recommendations for the FY 2015-2016 Community Grant Program.