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DATE: July 7, 2016
TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Juanita Miles-Hamilton, CACCD Chairperson 
SUBJECT: **Recommended CDBG & HOME Allocations for FY 2016-2017**

On behalf of the Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development (CACCD), I am pleased to present our FY 2016-17 CDBG & HOME funding recommendations. The Committee bases its recommendations on a thorough review of applications, site visits made by its members, applicants' presentations, and comments from the public. Each project was considered on its own merits, and the Committee did its utmost to maintain the integrity of its process.

As a reminder, in March 2015 and January 2016, the City Commission was advised via memorandum by City staff that the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) recommended that local governments establish minimum grant awards for public service programs. HUD's recommendations include that local governments have a large number of subrecipient contracts to administer; and it is recommended that the local governments consider implementing a minimum grant award in order to maximize efficiency of limited resources and grant effectiveness. According to instructions from HUD, it is recommended for local governments to implement a minimum \$10,000 grant award amount for Public Service programs to maximize efficiency of limited resources; and grant effectiveness for administering smaller versus larger grants for CDBG funded projects and programs. The CACCD supports HUD's recommendation as outlined herein.

As a result, a two-year transitional funding process was implemented to gradually decrease the funding awards to allow outside agencies with sufficient time to seek other alternative funding sources for their programs. This information was discussed and communicated to the currently funded organizations receiving CDBG funds. Additionally, on February 10, 2015, this information was made available to currently funded and potential applicants during the FY 2015-2016 CDBG/HOME Applicant Workshop; and on February 9, 2016 this information was made available to currently funded and potential applicants during the FY 2016-2017 CDBG/HOME Applicant Workshop. This information is also outlined in FY 2015-2016 and FY 2016-2017 CDBG/HOME grant funding applications. As such, the following grant funding schedule was implemented to streamline and improve fiscal responsibility:

- FY 2015-2016: minimum \$5,000 grant award per project/program
- FY 2016-2017: minimum \$10,000 grant award per project/program.

Therefore, the CACCD believes that implementation of this new grant award system will comply with HUD's recommendation to maximize efficiency of limited resources and grant effectiveness for administering smaller versus larger grants for CDBG funded projects and programs. However, please note that CACCD recommended for the Housing Rehabilitation set-aside to remain at a minimum of \$5,000 per grant award based on the amount of funding available and the smaller number of applicants requesting funding.

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Housing & Community Development Division
City Commission Final Allocations - FY 2017 CDBG Funds

Competitive Amount Available = \$ 199,635

PROGRAM / ACTIVITY	FY 2015/16 APPROVED	FY 2016/17 REQUEST	FY 2016/17 CACCD Recommend. (5-17-16)	FY 2016/17 City Commission Allocations (7-7-16)	FY 2016/17 City Comm. General Fund Allocation (7-7-16)
HOUSING REHABILITATION					
<i>Alachua Habitat for Humanity, Inc.</i>	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
<i>Center for Independent Living, Inc.</i>	\$ 7,400.00	\$ 14,101.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
<i>Central Florida Community Action Agency (New Agency)</i>	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
<i>Gainesville Housing Authority (New Agency)</i>	\$ -	\$ 150,000.00		\$ -	\$ -
<i>Neighborhood Housing & Development Corp.</i>	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
Sub-Total: Housing Rehabilitation	\$ 20,400.00	\$ 209,101.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -
PUBLIC SERVICES - 15% Cap = \$182,685					
<i>ACORN, Inc.</i>	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
<i>Black on Black Crime Task Force</i>	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
<i>Boys & Girls Club of Alachua County</i>	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
<i>Child Advocacy Center</i>	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	
<i>Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County (No Request)</i>	\$ 11,000.00	No Request			
<i>Easter Seals Florida, Inc.</i>	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 29,760.00			\$ -
<i>Elder Care of Alachua County, Inc.</i>	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 35,070.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
<i>Family Promise (Interfaith Hospitality Network)</i>	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 35,000.00		\$ -	\$ -
<i>Fla Certified Organic Growers - Porter's Farm (No Request)</i>	\$ 5,000.00	No Request			
<i>Fla Certified Organic Growers - GIFT Gardens (No Request)</i>	\$ 5,000.00	No Request			
<i>Gardenia Garden, Inc.</i>	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
<i>Girls Place, Inc.</i>	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 18,400.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
<i>Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, Inc.</i>	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 22,300.00		\$ -	\$ -
<i>Helping Hands of Alachua Co. - General Clinic</i>	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 20,000.00		\$ -	\$ -
<i>Helping Hands of Alachua Co. - Women's Clinic</i>	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 14,635.00	\$ 14,635.00	\$ -
<i>Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.</i>	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
<i>Pace Center for Girls</i>	\$ -	\$ 42,255.00	\$ -		
<i>St. Francis House - Arbor House Project (Priority 1)</i>	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
<i>St. Francis - Emergency Shelter (Priority 2)</i>	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00		\$ -	\$ -
<i>St. Francis-Sunrise/Supportive Housing (Priority 3)</i>	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00		\$ -	\$ -
<i>Star Center Children's Theatre (NO REQUEST)</i>	\$ 5,000.00	No Request			
<i>Reichert House, Inc.</i>	No Request	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	
<i>The Ark School of Fitness, Inc. (NO REQUEST)</i>	No Request	No Request			
<i>The Education Foundation of Alachua County</i>	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
<i>The River Phoenix Center (NO REQUEST)</i>	No Request	No Request			
<i>Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc.</i>	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
<i>Other: Cold Night Shelter (NOT Competitive - Set Aside)</i>	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -
Sub-Total: Public Services	\$ 172,500.00	\$ 566,785.00	\$ 169,635.00	\$ 169,635.00	\$ -
TOTALS: FY 2016 Competitive CDBG	\$ 192,900.00	\$ 775,886.00	\$ 199,635.00	\$ 199,635.00	\$ -

CITY OF GAINESVILLE
Housing & Community Development Division

City Commission Final Allocations - FY 2017 HOME Program Funds

Competitive Amount Available	\$ 91,624.00	\$ 96,309.00
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PROGRAM / ACTIVITY	FY 2015/16 APPROVED	FY 2016/17 REQUEST	FY 2015/16 CACCD Recommend. (5-17-16)	FY 2015/16 City Commission Allocations (6-18-15)
CHDO Operating Expenses				
<i>Neighborhood Housing & Development Corp.</i>	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ -
Sub-Total: CHDO Operating Expenses	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ -
CHDO Reserve - 15% Required (\$67,309.00)				
<i>Neighborhood Housing (Purchase Rehabilitation)</i>	\$ 67,624.00	\$ 67,309.00	\$ 67,309.00	\$ -
Sub-Total: New Construction	\$ 67,624.00	\$ 67,309.00	\$ 67,309.00	\$ -
New Construction				
<i>Alachua Habitat for Humanity, Inc.</i>	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
Sub-Total: New Construction	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
Moderate and Substantial Rehabilitation				
<i>Alachua Habitat (NO REQUEST MADE)</i>	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	
<i>Gainesville Housing Authority (New)</i>	\$ -	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -	
Sub-Total: Moderate & Substantial Rehab	\$ -	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
TOTALS:	\$ 91,624.00	\$ 246,309.00	\$ 96,309.00	\$ -

As such, our recommendations reflect the Committee's concern with making the best use of limited funds. As in previous years, the demands for CDBG and HOME funding far exceeded our ability to recommend funding for many worthy projects that are seeking financial assistance.

In addition to considering the impact of each project proposal, the Committee ensured that all recommended projects supported one or more of the following funding priorities established by the City Commission:

- Housing
- Homeless assistance
- Nutritional Support
- Job training/employment opportunities
- Programs that assist disadvantage or at-risk children or elderly persons

Please note that the CACCD's recommendations are limited to the "competitive" funding under CDBG and HOME, which has allowed the CACCD and applicants to focus on amounts that were realistically available for allocation to community nonprofit organizations.

For your reference, attached is a funding report that shows all requests for CDBG and/or HOME funds, along with our recommendations under each activity category by agency. This year we recommend the funding of one (1) new Agency. Please note that the CACCD's recommendations are based on the following funding levels for FY 2016-17:

CDBG Competitive Amount Available = \$199,635.00
HOME Competitive Amount Available = \$ 96,309.00