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American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing (HPRP) Grant #S09-MY-12-0025 Closeout Report (B)

This informational item is for the City Commission to receive a closeout report for the HPRP Grant #S09-MY-12-0025 in the amount of \$567,404 received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) was signed into law on February 17, 2009, and appropriates \$787 billion for measures that will modernize our nation's infrastructure, enhance energy independence, expand educational opportunities, preserve and improve affordable health care, provide tax relief and protect those in greatest need. Under the Recovery Act, the City of Gainesville received a direct allocation of Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) funding in the amount of \$567,404.

As part of the closeout process, HUD requires for the City to complete and submit an HPRP Grantee Closeout Certification. A copy of the form is included in Attachment A for reference. Additionally, a public hearing was conducted on February 19, 2013 by the Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development (CACCD) to receive public comment on the closeout of the HPRP Grant. No public comment was received on the closeout of the HPRP Grant. A copy of the HPRP presentation is provided in Attachment B for reference.

The City received a one-time special allocation in the amount of \$567,404 from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) for the administration and implementation of the HPRP. The HPRP funds constituted a special allocation of the funding to provide financial assistance and other assistance to either prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless or to help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized.

The HPRP grant covered a 3-year period and HUD required for the City to expend at least 60% of the funds within the first two years of the program and 100% within three years. Due to HUD regulations to expedite the services provided through the HPRP grant, on September 30, 2009, the City entered into an agreement with the Alachua County Housing Authority (ACHA) to implement and administer the HPRP Program through the Office on Homelessness. Per approval from HUD, there was no requirement for the City to conduct a competitive process to enter into an agreement with the ACHA to administer the HPRP funds since this entity is a unit of general purpose local government pursuant to state law; and therefore, may carry out HPRP activities for the City.

The HPRP provided financial assistance to reduce financial barriers preventing homeless individuals and families from obtaining permanent housing. The HPRP funding provided services such as rental assistance, security deposits, utility payments, case management and outreach services to 1,012 individuals and families in the City of Gainesville and Alachua County [943 Homeless Prevention and 69 Rapid Re-housing]. On June 30,

2012, 100% of the HPRP was expended by the grant deadline as required by HUD. The HPRP Grant Expenditure Summary Report is provided in Attachment C for reference.

The HPRP Program funding in the amount of \$567,404 was a one-time special allocation that the City of Gainesville received from HUD.

The City Commission receive the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Rehousing (HPRP) Grant HPRP Closeout Report.