MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members

From: Staff

Date: September 17, 2010, Council Meeting

Subject: Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Log

The attached Intergovernmental Coordination and Review (ICR) Log presents seven applications for federal funding of projects or programs. The Review Log contains the applicant’s name, project location, project description, federal funding source, and the amount of funds requested, as well as designation of Notification of Intent if it is a preliminary application. Staff recommendations are provided on the consistency of funding applications with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

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**Recommendation**

Council should approve staff comments and authorize their distribution.

**Attachments**
TCRPC Number: 10-MC-06-01   SAI#FL 201006175293C

Applicant: Visiting Nurses Association

Project Description: Mortgage Insurance – Construction of Grand Oaks of Jensen Assisted Living Facility

Visiting Nurses Association (VNA) is a non-profit home health services agency, headquartered in Stuart, Florida, which services more than fifteen counties across the state including Martin and St. Lucie. VNA’s mission is to provide a wide range of quality home health care, regardless of ability to pay as funds allow. Service is provided in accordance with professional quality standards in the spirit of community service and compassion.

Since its inception in 1976, VNA has developed a number of programs to optimize patient rehabilitation, recovery and independence. The Disease State Management program provides patient’s with tools to manage their self-care after hospital discharge and provide monthly monitoring services for a year. The Support Groups program includes a network of hospitals and private organizations that volunteer time and staff to conduct specialized health related lectures and other therapeutic, educational and social events for attending patients. The Wellness Program assists hospital readmission patients by providing a complimentary nurse visit after discharge to assist with diet, medication and physician follow-up.

VNA is applying to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD), Section 232 program for the proposed construction of the Grand Oaks of Jensen Assisted Living Facility. The proposed 84-unit facility will be located at 528 NE Jensen Beach Blvd in Martin County and licensed for 93 beds, 26 of which will be dedicated to Alzheimer patients. HUD’s Section 232 insures mortgage loans to facilitate the construction and substantial rehabilitation of nursing homes, intermediate care facilities, board and care homes and assisted living facilities.

Funding Agency: U.S. Department Housing and Urban Development

Project Costs: $ 8,625,000 Federal
$ 2,849,068 Applicant
$11,474,068 Total
**Recommendations:** The proposed project is consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. It supports **Regional Goal 11.1**: Elderly and handicapped residents who are independent and self-sufficient.

**Agencies Contacted:** All Martin County Municipalities
NewKita Group, Inc. is requesting funding assistance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Rural Development Program to construct a multi-use community center for local residents and serve as the home of a minor league arena football team associated with the Southern Indoor Football League. NewKita Group, Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing community development through recreational activities, sports, health, fitness, entertainment and education.

The multi-use community center will serve a highly distressed rural community in need of economic development, job creation and public facilities for recreational activities and educational programs. The proposed facility will be constructed on a 17 acre site located in the City of Belle Glade, just south of the Glades General Hospital and east of Main Street. This is an undisturbed property with water, sewer and stormwater connections. The proposed 50,000 square foot building will house approximately 4,000 theatre style seats, two full-size multi-purpose courts for indoor tennis, basketball, volleyball, soccer, dance, skating and arena football. Other amenities will include a hospitality area, fitness center, offices, conference rooms, kid’s activity room and locker rooms.

The proposed project is consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. It supports Regional Goal 8.1: Public facilities which provide a high quality of life.

Palm Beach County
City of Pahokee
City of South Bay
Property Details

Owner Information
PCN: 04374405010250040

View Property Details
Name: LOGAN ASSET BACKED FUND LP
Location: COUNTY ROAD 827A
Mailing: 2365 NW EXECUTIVE CENTER DR STE 270
BOCA RATON, FL 33431-8552

Preliminary Appraisal Value
Market Value: $333,197
Assessed Value: $333,197
Exempt Amnt: $0
Taxable: $333,197

Preliminary Tax Value
Ad Valorem: $6,526.40
Non-ad valorem: $426.31
Total: $6,952.71

Sales Info
Sale Date  | Sale Price
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12/28/2008 | $100
08/29/2008 | $1,210,000
09/02/2003 | $51,123
10/01/2002 | $341,320

Palm Beach County
Property Appraiser
Gary R Nikiforos, CFA
TCRPC Number: 10-PB-07-02

Applicant: Palm Beach County

Project Description: Annual Consolidated Plans for FY 2007-08 and FY 2008-09

Palm Beach County Housing and Community Development Department is submitting amendments to the FY 2007-2008 and FY 2008-2009 Annual Consolidated Plans in order to access additional funding allocations from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Recovery Program, the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP), Neighborhood Stabilization Program 1 (NSP1) and Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 (NSP2) made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Palm Beach County was allocated $1,846,758 in CDBG Recovery Program which is governed by the regular CDBG program. The funding will be used for the following seven (7) activities including program administration:

- **Westgate/Belvedere Homes CRA Infrastructure Improvements**: Reconstruction of the Cherry Road Bridge over the Airport Canal to improve drainage in the CRA district.
- **South Bay Community Center**: Completion of a 4,000 square foot building located on US 27 to be used as a community center.
- **City of Greenacres Infrastructure Improvements**: Drainage improvements to two alleyways between Fleming and Perry Avenues.
- **Canal Point Water Line**: Replacement of an existing water distribution main with a new 12-inch, 8,000 linear feet water distribution main.
- **Villages of Hope Infrastructure Improvements**: Infrastructure improvements consisting of roadway drainage and sanitary sewer installation in support of an expansion to a transitional housing facility in Lake Park serving former foster youth.
- **Palm Beach County Economic Development Office**: Provision of direct assistance to businesses designed to create new jobs for persons who have recently become unemployed as a result of the economic crisis.
- **Urban League of Palm Beach County**: Provision of a Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling Program to families at-risk of losing their homes by offering counseling services and engaging in negotiations on behalf of clients in loan modification and refinancing proceedings among other services.
Palm Beach County was allocated $2,823,871 in HPRP funds. The funding will be used for the following three (3) activities including program administration:

**Housing Relocation and Stabilization:** The specific activities to be undertaken are case management, outreach, housing search and placement, legal services, mediation and credit repair.

**Homeless Prevention Services:** The Department of Community Services is currently operating a homeless prevention program and the HPRP funds will be used to augment the financial resources which are currently available to that program.

**Data Collection and Evaluation:** The reservation of funds for data collection and evaluation is to address any shortcoming, relating to licensing software and personnel requirements, in the County’s ability to meet the HPRP data collection and reporting requirements.

Palm Beach County was allocated $27,700,340 in NSP-1 funds. The funding will be used for the following three (3) activities including program administration:

**NSP Eligibility Category A: Financing Mechanism for Purchase and Redevelopment of Foreclosed Upon Homes and Residential Property**

The Department of Housing and Community Development will utilize NSP funds to create a local housing trust fund offering first and/or second mortgages to individual income-eligible households seeking to acquire, with or without rehabilitation, foreclosed upon or abandoned homes that will be occupied as the buyer’s primary residence.

**NSP Eligibility Category B: Purchase and Rehabilitate Abandoned or Foreclosed Residential Properties in Order to Sell, Rent or Redevelop**

The Department of Housing and Community Development will make available NSP funds through a competitive application process for eligible entities to acquire, with or without rehabilitation, abandoned or foreclosed residential properties which must then either be resold to income-eligible homebuyers, or retained by the acquiring entity for rental to income-eligible renters at affordable rents, or occupied by income eligible households through lease-purchase agreements.

**NSP Eligibility Category E: Redevelop Demolished or Vacant Properties**

The Department of Housing and Community Development will make available NSP funds through a competitive application process, or the Board of County Commissioners may choose to designate, eligible entities to acquire and redevelop demolished or vacant properties which must be redeveloped into a NSP/CDBG eligible use that serve the low-income objective of the CDBG program.
The second round of neighborhood stabilization funds, referred to as NSP-2 is available through a competitive process. The County proposes to request funding for the following three (3) activities including program administration:

**Second Mortgage Loan Program**: Funds will be utilized as a second mortgage to reduce the housing costs – principal and closing costs – of homebuyers with incomes at or below 120% average median income with at least 25% of the funds going to households with incomes no greater than 50% average median income.

**Residential Redevelopment Program**: This activity offers grants and/or loans for the purchase of vacant and foreclosed residential properties, intended to be resold or rented, after repairs, to eligible potential homebuyers or renters.

**Neighborhood Redevelopment Program**: This activity will provide grant and/or loan assistance through a competitive bid process to municipalities, non-profit organizations, for-profit organizations, non-profit organizations in partnership with for-profits, and other local agencies to: redevelop or rehabilitate foreclosed and vacant residential properties for reuse as affordable rental housing; and to purchase vacant residential land upon which new rental housing shall be constructed.

**Funding Agency**: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

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**Recommendations**: The proposed activities are consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. They support **Regional Goal 8.1**: Public facilities which provide a high quality of life, **Policy 2.1.2.1**: Work closely with non-profit organizations who are interested in sponsoring housing projects which serve very low, low and moderate-income residents and **Policy 2.3.3.1**: Local governments should focus the use of affordable housing assistance funds to identified neighborhoods as part of a comprehensive program of neighborhood improvement.

**Agencies Contacted**: All Palm Beach County Municipalities
Palm Beach County's Amendments to the Annual Consolidated Plans for FY 2007-08 and FY 2008-09 including the Community Development Block Grant Recovery Program (CDBG-R), the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP), Neighborhood Stabilization Program 1 (NSP1) and Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 (NSP2)

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<td>7 New Activities to be added: Palm Beach County's CDBG-R Program includes infrastructure, public services, economic development activities and program administration: 1. Westgate/Belvedere Homes CRA—Replacement of culverts under Cherry Road (Airport Canal) ($600,000); 2. City of Greenacres Infrastructure Improvements—Drainage improvements on two (2) alleyways on north side of 10th Av. North ($73,000); 3. Canal Point Water Line—Installation of 12” water distribution main under US 441 between the cities of Pahokee and Canal Point ($231,000); 4. Villages of Hope Infrastructure Improvements—Installation of on-site infrastructure (water/sewer/storm drainage) and off-site hook-up for a transitional housing facility ($183,082); 5. Palm Beach County Economic Development Office—Assistance to businesses to create new jobs for persons recently unemployed ($180,000); 6. Urban League of Palm Beach County—Provision of foreclosure mitigation</td>
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<td>The activity provides homeless prevention assistance to households who would otherwise become homeless and to rapidly re-house persons who are homeless as defined by Section 103 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act ($2,823,871).</td>
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<td>The County’s NSP-2 application proposes to request funding as follows:  a) $9.15 million for HCD to provide low-interest second mortgages to homebuyers to acquire vacant foreclosed properties for owner-occupancy;  b) $20.13 million for a competitive Residential Redevelopment Program to provide grants or</td>
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| Loans to Subrecipient Entities to acquire/rehabilitate vacant foreclosed residential properties for subsequent affordable resale or rental; and |
| $16.47 million for a competitive Neighborhood Redevelopment Program to provide loans or grants to subrecipient entities partnering with for-profit developers to acquire and/or redevelop vacant residential properties for affordable multifamily rental housing. |
The City of Fellsmere is applying to the Community Development Block Grant Small Cities Program through the Florida Department of Community Affairs. The Small Cities Grant Program provides federal funds to states for distribution to rural areas. The funds will be used for flood and drainage improvements to Myrtle Street and improvements to Pennsylvania Park.

The Myrtle Street project involves construction of 5,600 linear feet of flood, drainage and street improvements. The total scope of the project will include moving water connections from the area and those costs will also be supplemented by the City’s water fund. Improvements to Pennsylvania Park include the addition of a picnic table and the construction of a slab which would allow for greater use and family activities. The national objective to benefit low and moderate income persons will be realized as over 51 percent of the persons living in each of the service areas are part of those income groups.

The proposed activities are consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. They support Regional Goal 8.1: Public facilities which provide a high quality of life and Policy 15.1.3.2 Increase public investment and assistance to foster infill, redevelopment and refurbishing of infrastructure in existing urban areas.

All Indian River Municipalities
The City of Boca Raton is submitting its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Plan for Program Years 2010/2011 – 2014/2015. The primary goal of the Consolidated Plan is to develop a viable community by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities, principally for low-and moderate income persons. A description of the projects and activities expected to be undertaken using CDBG funds received by the City of Boca Raton are indicated below. This Action Plan covers the period from October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011.

**Homeownership Assistance:** Deferred payment loan program to provide assistance with down payment and closing costs to eligible low and moderate income owner occupied households. Maximum amount of $60,000 provided per unit.

The need to assist first-time homebuyers was identified in the Consolidated Plan, and staff documented that despite a recent decrease in average sales prices, homes were still not affordable to median and lower income families in Boca Raton. Previously this need was addressed with funding through the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program, but the state legislature reduced funding for that program for FY 2010 by using SHIP trust fund dollars for other government expenditures. The City planned to expend all SHIP dollars remaining from prior years before implementing the new CDBG homeownership assistance activity. Staff anticipates that purchase assistance transactions will finally begin to pick up in FY 2011 as forecasts for residential property predict further decline in property values and lenders are offering historically low interest rates as they attempt to stabilize their underwriting standards.

**Boca Raton Housing Authority – Pearl City’s Children Achieving Their Success (CATS) Program:** Provision of funds to assist with operating costs for summer camp and after-school care programs for disadvantaged youth at the Dixie Manor housing project.
Addressing the needs of at-risk youth is one way of enhancing safety and livability of neighborhoods, by preventing crime. The Pearl City neighborhood is served by CATS, which provides after-school and summer camp programs for low income youths ages 6-13. It is estimated that approximately $32,500 per year in CDBG funds will be needed to continue the provision of these child care services.

Boys and Girls Clubs / New Pines Neighborhood Center: Grant to Boys and Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County for operation of after-school and summer camp programs at New Pines Neighborhood Center.

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County operates programs for low income at-risk youths at the New Pines Neighborhood Center. In addition to private funding sources, it is estimated they will need $38,400 in CDBG funds per year for operating costs to provide these youth services.

Fair Housing Activities: Funding of outreach and education activities and landlord/tenant and foreclosure counseling to further fair housing.

The City will further fair housing, by conducting an analysis of the impediments to fair housing choice within the jurisdiction, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and maintain records reflecting that analysis and actions in this regard.

Program Administration: Costs associated with the general administration of the City’s CDBG Program. No more than 20% of grant funds may be spent for this purpose.

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**Recommendations:**
The proposed activities are consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. They support **Policy 2.1.1.7:** Local governments should provide adequate funding for housing agencies or housing staff so that a program can be carried out which adequately addresses local affordable housing problems and **Strategy 12.1.1.1:** Encourage patterns of development and programs which improve the independence and self sufficiency of children.

**Agencies Contacted:**
Palm Beach County
City of Delray Beach
Town of Highland Beach
TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION AND REVIEW LOG

TCRPC Number: 10-SL-08-01   SAI# FL201008265431C

Applicant: City of Port St. Lucie

Project Description: Tiger II Discretionary Grant – Crosstown Parkway Extension

The City of Port St. Lucie is submitting a Tiger II Discretionary Grant for the construction of a 6-lane divided parkway and bridge over the North Fork of the St. Lucie River from Manth Lane to US-1, approximately 2 miles. The Tiger II Discretionary Grant Program provides funding to units of government for capital investments in highway or bridge construction and other transportation infrastructure projects.

The City of Port St. Lucie is located in St. Lucie County in southeast Florida. The Crosstown Parkway extension would provide six additional lanes of capacity for crossing the St. Lucie River (see Figure 1.1). The two major east-west corridors that cross the river are Port St. Lucie Boulevard and Prima Vista Boulevard. The total capacity of the two bridges is exceeded and both operate below acceptable levels of service at critical times of the day. The project is needed to supplement existing capacity that is insufficient to move traffic, people and goods across the river and accommodate the projected future growth of the City’s population over the next twenty-five years.

In March 2009, the City opened the Crosstown Parkway Interchange at I-95 to traffic. This interchange completed a 5-mile segment of Crosstown Parkway extending from I-95 and stopping at Manth Lane, 2 miles west of US-1. For the continued eastern extension to US-1, the City is currently working toward the finalization of the Project Development and Environment Study and Environmental Impact Statement as required by the National Environmental Protection Act. The final Record of Decision and the selection of a build or no build alternative for the bridge over the river will be completed by July 2012. Construction of a build alternative will start in January 2013 and be completed by April 2015. The alternatives under consideration are illustrated in Figure 1.3 (see attached).

The Crosstown Parkway Extension will benefit and promote livability in the region by expanding a limited east-west roadway network, enhancing connectivity of two of Florida’s Strategic Intermodal Systems, creating a multi-purpose linear park facility with pedestrian
and bicycle connectivity to adjacent residential communities and accommodating the expansion of the regional transit system.

**Funding Agency:** U.S. Department Transportation

**Project Costs:**
- $82,399,233 Federal
- $88,908,155 Applicant
- $3,031,306 State
- $31,306 Local
- $174,370,000 Total

**Recommendations:**
The proposed project has the potential to impact existing homeowners, businesses, and sensitive environmental areas, including the North Fork of the St. Lucie River Aquatic Preserve and St. Lucie River Preserve State Park. Therefore, careful consideration needs to be made in designing this facility to minimize impacts to existing developed areas and natural systems. The Environmental Impact Statement currently being prepared for the project will be critical in evaluating the full impacts of the proposed alternatives. If it is determined that the need for the project outweighs the impacts, and the project is designed to minimize impacts and provide adequate compensation and mitigation for impacts, then the proposed project would be consistent with the **Strategic Regional Policy Plan**. The project furthers **Strategy 7.1.1**: Develop a balanced, complete and fully integrated transportation system which, at a minimum, includes a road system designed to complement and supplement the core mass transit system and pedestrian and bicycle connections. The parkway will serve multimodal transportation alternatives including automobile, pedestrian, bicycle and public transit. The project will lessen traffic congestion on other arterial traffic routes over the St. Lucie River and facilitate intrastate commerce. Once complete, the project will provide an additional hurricane and emergency evacuation route and allow for improved emergency response times. The project is a critical missing link in the regional roadway network in the area and in the City’s plans for redevelopment.

**Agencies Contacted:**
- St. Lucie County
- St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization
- Martin Metropolitan Planning Organization
Figure 1.1. City of Port St Lucie Location Map
September 9, 2010

Ms. Marlene Brunot, ICR Coordinator  
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council  
421 S.W. Camden Avenue  
Stuart, Florida 34994

Re: Tiger II Discretionary Grant Application - Crosstown Parkway Extension  
Manth Lane to U.S. Highway 1, Port St. Lucie, Florida  
TCRPC Reference #10-SL-08-01  
SAI #FL201008265431C

Dear Ms. Brunot:

Pursuant to your request dated August 27, 2010, the St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) has reviewed the above-referenced project, which is the subject of a Tiger II Discretionary Grant application, for consistency with adopted plans and policies. The results of this review are summarized as follows.

Based on our review, the project is consistent with the 2025 Florida Transportation Plan (FTP) because the project contributes toward the FTP goal of “A stronger economy through enhanced mobility for people and freight” by meeting several of the Long Range Objectives related to “Mobility within Regions” and “Mobility within Communities”. The project meets the objective of “...ensuring connectivity between SIS, regional, and local facilities” by providing a direct connection between Interstate 95, which is a Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) facility, and U.S. Highway 1, which is, at a minimum, a regional facility. Correspondingly, the project meets the objective of “Expand transportation choices to enhance local mobility and to maintain the performance of the SIS and regionally significant facilities”. The project supports Key Implementation Strategies of the FTP goal such as “Identify and Invest in regionally significant facilities under the Transportation Regional Incentive Program...” (TRIP) and “...develop new transportation hubs or corridors when existing facilities cannot meet mobility or connectivity needs”. The project supports the strategies as demonstrated by the project being allocated TRIP funding, being prioritized as a Regional Project Need by the Treasure Coast Transportation Council (a designated Regional Transportation Area), and serving as only the second connection between Interstate 95 and U.S. Highway 1 in the southern portion of St. Lucie County.

The project also is consistent with the TPO’s 2030 Regional Long Range Transportation Plan (RLRTP) because the project is identified in the 2030 Roadway Needs Assessment (pages 133-135) of the LRLT. In addition, the project is not a duplication of any ongoing project or program as it is the 2nd-ranked project on the TPO’s List of Priority Projects.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide you with this review. Please contact me should you require any additional information or clarification.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Peter Buchwald  
Executive Director

Transportation Planning for Fort Pierce, Port St. Lucie, St. Lucie Village and St. Lucie County
As a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) designated Urban County, Palm Beach County is entitled to receive funding from the formula-based Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program. As such, the County is responsible for the development of a consolidated plan. The 2010-2015 Five-Year Consolidated Plan describes the County’s programmatic goals of providing decent housing, a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities for extremely-low, low and moderate income residents. The priorities for each goal are as follows:

Decent Housing:
- Assist homeless persons in obtaining affordable housing
- Assist persons at-risk of becoming homeless
- Increase supply of supportive housing for persons with special needs
- Provide affordable housing that is accessible to job opportunities

Suitable Living Environment:
- Improve the safety and livability of neighborhoods
- Increase access to quality public and private facilities and services
- Reduce isolation of income groups through the spatial de-concentration of housing for persons of lower income
- Revitalize deteriorating or deteriorated neighborhoods
- Restore and preserve properties of special historic, architectural or aesthetic value
- Conserve energy resources

Expanded Economic Opportunities:
- Establish, stabilize and expand small businesses
- Provide public services concerned with employment
- Provide jobs related to HUD program activities to low-income persons living in areas affected by those programs and activities
- Make available mortgage financing for low-income persons at reasonable rates using non-discriminatory lending practices
- Provide access to capital and credit for development activities that promote the long-term economic and social viability of the community
- Support self-sufficiency opportunities for low-income persons to reduce generational poverty in federally assisted and public housing.

The Palm Beach County FY 2010-2011 Action Plan covers the first year of the County’s 2010-2015 Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The Action Plan was prepared by the Department of Housing and Community Development for the period of October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011. It is prepared for all of unincorporated Palm Beach County and 28 participating jurisdictions. It excludes the entitlement cities of Boca Raton, Boynton Beach, Delray Beach and West Palm Beach, as well as seven (7) non-participating municipalities.

The Action Plan serves to meet the annual planning and application requirements of HUD’s formula grants made available to Palm Beach County yearly, as long as the federal budget allocates funding to the programs. The following amounts represent Palm Beach County’s allocation of CDBG, ESG and HOME Program grants for FY 2010-2011:

The CDBG Program allocation is $7,351,246, which will fund public facilities and improvements, infrastructure, housing, public services and fair housing activities. Projected income of $150,000 is anticipated to be allocated to the Countywide Housing Rehabilitation Program.

The HOME Program allocation is $2,777,679, which will fund mortgage assistance programs administered by community housing development organizations and the County’s First-Time Homebuyer Program.

The ESG Program’s estimated allocation of $299,384 will fund agencies that operate and maintain homeless shelter facilities, homeless prevention programs and services the homeless and populations at-risk of homelessness.

**Funding Agency:** U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

**Project Costs:**
- $7,501,246 CDBG
- $2,777,679 HOME
- $299,384 ESG
- $10,578,309 Total
**Recommendations:** The proposals are consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. They support: **Strategy 5.1.1:** Identify distressed neighborhoods and abandoned and underutilized districts and determine appropriate methods to improve them. **Policy 2.1.1.3:** Encourage projects that address the unique problems of first-time home buyers. **Policy 2.1.2.1:** Work closely with non-profit organizations who are interested in sponsoring housing projects which serve very low, low and moderate-income residents. **Policy 3.1.1.2:** Encourage redevelopment projects which will promote economic opportunities.

**Agencies Contacted:** All Palm Beach County Municipalities