MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members
From: Staff
Date: September 19, 2014 Council Meeting

Subject: Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Log

The Intergovernmental Coordination and Review process serves, in part, as an early warning system for the federal government to determine if a federally funded project is consistent with plans and ongoing community initiatives of local governments and the regional planning council. The review process is intended to inform the applicant of potential concerns or inconsistencies regarding the proposed activity. Council has requested comments from potentially affected local governments in an effort to avoid duplication of efforts, funding, services, and to ensure the efficient use of resources.

The attached Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Log presents four 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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Total $9,014,459 $9,772,792
Recommendation

Council should approve the comments in the attached report and authorize their distribution.

Attachments
Applicant: Florida Department of Health Palm Beach County
Project Description: Air Pollution Control Program

The Palm Beach County Health Department operates a local air pollution control program. The Department is requesting funding for its air program through a Section 105 grant, Air Pollution Control Program Support, from the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency. The grant supports activities related to the implementation of the Clean Air Act and federal initiatives.

Activities supported by the grant include: ambient air monitoring, permitting and compliance monitoring of air pollution sources, control of hazardous air pollutants, air quality planning, asbestos control, enforcement of air pollution regulations, and pollution prevention and promote energy efficiency.

Funding Agency: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Estimated Funding: $583,354 Federal
                      441,654 Applicant
                      $980,008 Total

Recommendations: The proposed project is consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. It furthers Regional Goal 13.1 – Maintenance of Acceptable Air Quality Levels.

Agencies Contacted: Palm Beach County Local Governments
The Department of Housing and Community Development of Palm Beach County has prepared the Action Plan for the County which covers the fiscal year (FY) period of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015. This Action Plan serves to meet the annual requirements for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development annual planning and application requirements for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); HOME Investment Partnerships; and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Programs.

Funds are used to undertake community development activities related to providing assistance to the homeless, disabled and underserved population, and those having special needs. Funds will also be used for housing purposes and for undertaking economic development and infrastructure. Formula allocations for FY 2014-2015 are CDBG - $5,865,753; HOME - $1,749,997; and ESG - $478,676. The following is a summary of the goals, objectives, and outcomes which will be addressed in FY 2014-2015:

- Affordable Rental Housing - Rental units constructed: 19 Housing Units
- Affordable Rental Housing - Rental units rehabilitated: 125 Housing Units
- Affordable Homeowner Units - Homeowner housing added: 11 Housing Units
- Affordable Homeowner Units - Homeowner housing rehabilitated: 12 Housing Units
- Emergency and Transitional Shelters - Homeless person overnight shelter: 880 Persons
- Homeless Prevention Services: 195 Persons
- Services to Rapidly Re-house Homeless or At Risk Homeless Individuals: 90 persons
- Demolition and Clearance - Buildings demolished: 10 Buildings
- Code Enforcement - Other: 27,992 Persons
- Improved Parks and Recreational Facilities - Public facility or Infrastructure activities other than low/moderate Income housing benefit: 181,439 Persons
- Improved Water and Sewer System - Public facility or Infrastructure activities other than low/moderate income housing benefit: 100 Persons
- Street and Sidewalk Improvements - Public facility or infrastructure activities other than low/moderate Income housing benefit: 5,644 Persons
- Flood and Drainage Improvements - Public facility or infrastructure activities other than low/moderate income housing benefit: 1,574 Persons
- Services to Disabled Persons - Public service activities other than low/moderate income housing benefit: 135 Persons
- Child Care Services - Public service activities other than low/moderate income housing benefit: 100 Persons
- Health Services - Public service activities other than low/moderate Income housing benefit: 546 Persons
- Fair Housing Services - Public service activities other than low/moderate Income housing benefit: 559 Persons
- Housing Counseling Services - Public service activities other than low/moderate income housing benefit: 140 Persons
- Services for Victims of Domestic Violence - Public service activities other than low/moderate income housing benefit: 740 Persons
- Services for Abused and Neglected Children - Public service activities other than low/moderate income housing benefit: 154 Persons
- General Services for Homeless - Public service activities other than low/moderate income housing benefit: 7,261 Persons
- Economic Development Assistance-Jobs created/retained: 21 Full time equivalent (FTE) Jobs
- Economic Development Services-Jobs created/retained: 12 FTE Jobs

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

**Estimated Funding:** $5,865,753 CDBG Program
1,749,997 HOME Program
478,676 ESG Program
25,000 CDBG Program Income

$8,119,426 Total

**Recommendations:** The proposal is consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. It furthers Regional Goal 2.1 – an adequate and affordable supply of safe housing to meet the needs of the very low, low and moderate income residents of the Region; and Regional Goal 8.1 which calls for public facilities which provide a high quality of life.

**Agencies Contacted:** All Palm Beach County Local Governments
TCRPC Number: 14-PB-08-02

Applicant: Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners – Palm Tran

Project Description: Operating Expense Assistance

Palm Tran is the agency designated by Palm Beach County to provide public transportation. Palm Tran is requesting funds from the Section 5311 Non-Urbanized Area Formula Program for operating assistance for their transportation programs in the non-urbanized areas of Palm Beach County.

The Section 5311 Non-Urbanized Area Formula Program provides Federal operating or capital assistance to eligible recipients who operate/contract public transportation service in non-urbanized areas. Palm Tran will utilize the funds exclusively for operational expenses that include: administrative, management, and operation costs (wages and fuel) directly incidental to the provision of public transportation services provided in non-urbanized areas on a regular and continuing basis.

Funding Agency: Federal Transit Administration

Estimated Funding: $336,679 Federal
336,679 Applicant
$673,358 Total

Recommendations: The application is consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. It furthers Regional Goal 7.2 – Adequate mobility for the transportation disadvantaged.

Agencies Contacted: All Palm Beach County Local Governments
The Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP) is a component of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP), which was authorized as a framework for restoring the south Florida ecosystem while providing for other water-related needs of the region in the 2000 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). Since the CERP was approved, three projects were authorized in the 2007 WRDA and proceeded into construction (Indian River Lagoon-South, Picayune Strand, and Site 1 Impoundment) and a fourth project, Melaleuca and Other Exotic Plants Biological Controls, was implemented under the programmatic authority in WRDA 2000.

Despite this progress, ecological conditions and functions within the central portion of the Everglades ridge and slough community continue to decline due to lack of sufficient quantities of freshwater flow into the central Everglades and timing and distribution problems. To respond to this concern, the Corps and the South Florida Water Management District initiated the CEPP in November 2011 to evaluate alternatives for restoring ecosystem conditions in the central portion of the Everglades and opportunities for providing for other water-related needs in the region. The purpose of the CEPP is to improve the quantity, quality, timing and distribution of water flows to the Northern Estuaries, central Everglades (Water Conservation Area 3 and Everglades National Park), and Florida Bay, while increasing water supply for municipal, industrial and agricultural users.

The recommended plan would achieve these benefits by reducing the large pulses of regulatory flood control releases sent from Lake Okeechobee by redirecting approximately 210,000 acre-feet of water on an annual basis to the historical southerly flow path. Prior to delivering additional water to existing state-owned and state-operated stormwater treatment areas, water will be delivered first to the flow equalization basins which will: (1) provide storage capacity, (2) attenuate high flows, and (3) provide incidental water quality benefits. The CEPP recommended plan was chosen based upon detailed estimates of hydrology across the 41-year period of record (January 1965 – December 2005) generated by Regional Simulation Models.
Funding Agency: None

Estimated Funding: N/A

Recommendations: Implementation of the recommended plan for the CEPP will assist in reducing harmful discharges of freshwater from Lake Okeechobee. This will have a beneficial effect on major water bodies in the region, including the St. Lucie River Estuary, Indian River Lagoon, and Lake Worth Lagoon, which also is impacted by discharges from Lake Okeechobee. Although the recommended plan provides a significant increase in freshwater needed for the restoration of the central Everglades, additional actions are needed to further reduce harmful discharges of freshwater from Lake Okeechobee. Therefore, it is important for the CEPP to proceed in a way that complements other components of CERP currently underway in the region. Approval of the CEPP should not delay or interrupt implementation of other approved CERP projects.

The CEPP recommended plan is consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. Specifically, the recommended plan furthers the policies in the following goal areas:

Regional Goal 6.2: A regional water supply managed to provide for all recognized needs on a sustainable basis.

Regional Goal 6.3: Protection of water quality and quantity.

Regional Goal 6.5: Protection of estuarine resources.

Regional Goal 6.6: Protection of wetlands and deepwater habitats.

Regional Goal 6.8: Protection of endangered and potentially endangered species.

Regional Goal 6.9: Protection and sustainability of the Everglades Ecosystem.

Implementation of the recommended plan will help to achieve ecosystem restoration, increased water supplies, improved water quality, and the maintenance of flood protection. This plan represents an opportunity to accomplish these goals and balance the need to provide water for natural systems and urban and agricultural uses.

Agencies Contacted: All Treasure Coast Region Local Governments
Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resource Management