



Cover Memorandum/Staff Report

File #: 24-087 CRA

Agenda Date: 9/24/2024

Item #: 7H.

TO: CRA Board of Commissioners
FROM: Gina Clayton, Finance & Operations Director
THROUGH: Renée A. Jadusingh, Esq., Executive Director
DATE: September 24, 2024

A.-G.U.I.D.E. FUNDING REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 - DELRAY BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Recommended Action:

Approve the A.-G.U.I.D.E. Funding Agreement with the Delray Beach Library Association, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$443,000 for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and authorize the CRA Board Chair and Executive Director to execute all documents for said purpose.

Background:

The Library applied for CRA A.-G.U.I.D.E.: Achieving Goals Using Impact Driven Evaluation Funding for FY 2024-2025 under the category of Economic Development and Recreation and Cultural Facilities. Funding is requested for two programs: (Program "A"), which is the Library's Sunday & Monday Operations and (Program "B"), which is the Technology, Training, and Innovation Lab. The specifics of the request are summarized below.

Current Funding Request Amount:	<u>\$443,000</u>
Organization Total Budget:	<u>\$2,761,141</u>
CRA Funds - Percentage of Budget:	16.04%
FY 2023-2024 Funding:	<u>\$443,000</u>

Program "A": CRA Sundays & Mondays

Request Amount:	<u>\$418,000</u>
Program Budget:	<u>\$418,000</u>
Organization Total Budget:	<u>\$2,761,141</u>
Program Percentage of Org Budget:	15.14%
FY 2023-2024 Funding:	<u>\$418,000</u>

Program "B": Technology, Training, and Innovation Lab

Request Amount:	<u>\$25,000</u>
Program Budget:	<u>\$25,000</u>
Organization Total Budget:	<u>\$2,761,141</u>
Program Percentage of Org Budget:	1%
FY 2023-2024 Funding:	<u>\$25,000</u>

STAFF REVIEW:

This year's Funding Evaluation Committee consisted of CRA Assistant Director, Christine Tibbs; CRA Finance & Operations Director, Gina Clayton; CRA Program Director, Grace Gdaniec; and one representative from the City of Delray Beach - the Assistant City Manager, Jeff Oris. The Committee rated the application package based on the established A-G.U.I.D.E. criteria. Criteria used in review of the application were grouped into six categories weighted to total 100% as follows:

Organization Capacity	20%
Need for Project/Program	20%
Project/Program Description	10%
Logic Model	20%
Evaluation Plan	10%
Budget & Sustainability	20%

The Application Evaluation Form has six categories, and the majority of the items are rated on a scale of 1 to 5 (worst to best possible response). Please review the attached Application Evaluation Form that includes the rating of the committee members on each Project/Program.

The outcome of the committee's review is as follows:

Total Average Evaluation Score: 79.5%

Program "A": CRA Sundays & Mondays

Evaluation Score: 80%

Program "B": Technology, Training, and Innovation Lab

Evaluation Score: 79%

In addition to the attached Application Evaluation Form and budget forms, the following documents are available from the CRA office upon request:

- A.-G.U.I.D.E. Application
- A.-G.U.I.D.E. Logic Model
- A.-G.U.I.D.E. Evaluation Plan
- Strategic Plan
- IRS Form 990
- Audited Financial Statements

Additional Comments from the Committee:

The Committee has concerns about the reliance on City and CRA funding and their need to diversify their funding.

FUNDING AGREEMENT:

Attached is the Funding Agreement outlining the Library's reporting requirements and other responsibilities regarding the funding provided. The Library will submit quarterly reports documenting the expenditure of funds and the progress towards the outcomes projected in the Goals and Outcomes Report and Budget for FY 2024-2025. Funds will be disbursed quarterly based on submittal of the associated quarterly reports.

Staff is seeking approval for the A.-G.U.I.D.E. Funding Agreement with the Library in an amount not to exceed \$443,000.

Attachment(s): Exhibit A - FY 2024-2025 - Library A.-G.U.I.D.E. Funding Agreement

CRA Attorney Review:

The CRA Attorney has reviewed the Funding Agreement to form and determined it to be acceptable.

Funding Source/Financial Impact:

\$443,000 allocated from General Ledger #7376 - A-GUIDE Funding.

Overall need within the Community Redevelopment Area from Delray Beach CRA

Redevelopment Plan:

Removal of Slum and Blight

Land Use

Economic Development

Affordable Housing

Downtown Housing

Infrastructure

Recreation and Cultural Facilities