



# FUNDING ASSISTANCE UPDATE

November 19, 2019 Board Meeting

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (BUSINESS FUNDING)

### Site Development Assistance Funding Program

- Ceasar's BBQ – 2nd Amendment (37 SW 5th Avenue)  
Status Update: From the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment, of the \$34,612 of remaining funds, the CRA has paid out a total of \$17,400.00. Ceasar's still has \$8,559.00 plus the withheld amount of \$8,653.00 remaining for the completion of the project. The plumbing work has been prioritized and must be completed before other work can commence. In a follow-up call, the sub-contracted plumber, Desmond Davis of Royal Plumbing & Drain Cleaning, reported that the work is underway. A progress report was requested and is pending.
- Studio 404 (404 W Atlantic Avenue)  
Status Update: The owners of Studio 404 commenced the application process for consideration of funding in 2017. The final completed application package was successfully submitted in October 2019 and is now on the CRA board consent agenda for review and approval (11/19/19 board meeting). A copy of the Agenda Item Summary with full project scope is available. Funding is being recommended in the amount of \$66,157.25.

### Project Consultancy & Design Services Program

- Michael Hockton (103 NW 5th Avenue)  
Status Update: Recently, the CRA Executive Director approved its first award under this funding program. The guidelines allow for the approval of the agreement be considered administratively by the CRA Executive Director if the cost of the anticipated scope of services or project is less than \$15,000 in value. A meeting was facilitated between the grantee and a CRA-recommended architect to go over the scope of the project. A quote will be provided to the grantee, who will then make his selection of an architect.

### Curb Appeal Residential Improvement Program

- Williams (214 SW 8th Street)  
Status Update: The City's Neighborhood Services Department submitted a request to the CRA for the approval of Curb Appeal assistance. A copy of the Agenda Item Summary with full project scope is available. Funding is being recommended in the amount of \$10,473.00.

## **GRANTS (EXTERNAL GRANT EFFORTS)**

### 2019-2020 SWA Blighted and Distressed Property Clean-Up and Beautification Grant

The CRA recently successfully submitted a grant application to the Palm Beach County Solid Waste Authority, requesting \$348,976.00 to cover the costs of cleanup and beautification of distressed, blighted properties. The grant is offered as an incentive to improve the quality of the life and provide a safer, healthier and more aesthetically pleasing environment for the residents. The anticipated notice of awards, based on previous years, is March 2020. The following properties were prioritized for blight prevention, maintenance, cleaning, and beautification activities:

- Atlantic Avenue Gateway feature
- 805 W Atlantic Avenue (building structure)
- 606 W Atlantic Avenue (lot of vacant land)
- 40 NW 5th Avenue (parking lot)
- 362 NE 3rd Avenue (parking lot)
- 313 NE 3rd Street (Arts Warehouse)
- 32 SW 4th Avenue (parking lot)
- 46 SW 9th Avenue (parking lot)
- 95 SW 5th Avenue (parking lot)
- 215 SE 2nd Avenue (parking lot)
- 98 NW 5th Avenue (building)
- 215 NE 7th Avenue (historic home renovation)

## **CRA COMMUNITY MEETING PARTICIPATION**

- 10/4/19        Economic Development / Government Affairs Friday Forum
- 10/9/19        HES.2019.1 HOME Housing Development pre-submittal conference
- 10/16/19      Delray Beach Chamber - Real Estate Roundtable
- 10/16/19      Palm Beach County Affordable Housing Collaborative Meeting
- 11/7/19        Tour De Palm Beach Event