



Legislation Text

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TO: CRA Board of Commissioners
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THROUGH: Renée A. Jadusingh, CRA Executive Director
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FY 2020-2021 CRA A-GUIDE FUNDING REQUEST - DELRAY BEACH COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

Recommended Action:

Direct staff to include funding for the Delray Beach Community Land Trust (DBCLT) in the CRA's FY 2020-2021 Budget in the amount of \$229,615.

Background:

DBCLT applied for CRA A-G.U.I.D.E.: Achieving Goals Using Impact Driven Evaluation Funding for FY 2020-2021 under the category of Affordable Housing. Funding is requested for one program (Program "A"), which is the DBCLT's Affordable Housing Program. The specifics of the DBCLT's request are summarized below.

Current Funding Request Amount:	<u>\$229,615</u>
Organization Total Budget:	<u>\$902,500</u>
CRA Funds - Percentage of Budget:	<u>25%</u>
FY2019-2020 Funding	<u>\$273,695</u>

This year's Funding Evaluation Committee consisted of CRA Executive Director, Renee Jadusingh, Finance and Operations Director, Lori Hayward, and Arts Warehouse Manager, Grace Gdaniec. The Committee rated the application package based on the established A-GUIDE 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) with the exception of two items: *Organizational Capacity - Demonstrated experience/success with similar programs/project* rated on a scale of 1 to 15 (worst to best possible response); and *Logic Model/Projected Results - Stated program/project goal clear and relevant to CRA Overall Need* rated on a scale of 1 to 10 (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:

Evaluation Score: 88%

A-GUIDE Evaluation Committee Comments & Suggestions:

Based on the CRA Board's direction from the February 12, 2019 Workshop, the DBCLT can be funded at an amount over 25%, the committee recommended funding the request at 30% of the DBCLT's budget. However, this year the CLT's funding request amount is 25% of their overall budget.

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

- A-GUIDE Application
- A-GUIDE Logic Model
- A-GUIDE Evaluation Plan
- Strategic Plan
- IRS Form 990
- Audited Financial Statements

Refer to the funding request overview for more information.

As stipulated in the A-G.U.I.D.E. guidelines, the Funding Evaluation Committee reviews each application according to established criteria and makes preliminary funding recommendations to the CRA Board of Commissioners. Then the CRA Board considers and makes final decisions regarding the funding request. At this time, the Funding Evaluation Committee recommends funding the Delray Beach Community Land Trust (DBCLT) for fiscal year 2020-2021 in the amount of \$229,615.

Attachments: Exhibit A - Application Evaluation Form; Exhibit B - FY 2020-2021 Goals & Outcomes Report; Exhibit C - CRA Combined Budget Form and Narrative.

CRA Attorney Review:

N/A

Finance Review:

Reviewed by Lori Hayward, CRA Finance & Operation Director.

Funding Source/Financial Impact:

\$229,615 allocated from General Ledger #7376 - A-GUIDE Funding.