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Written analyses and notes for the below listed items are attached for your consideration:

Item Number(s)

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Agenda Item: 3(D) – 3(I)

File Number: 093335, 093336, 093337, 093338, 093339, 093340

Committee(s) of Reference: Housing & Community Development Committee

Date of Analysis: December 11, 2009

Type of Item: Resolutions Approving Proposals for Consultant Selection

Summary

The following resolutions approve the rejection of proposals for consultant selection for the following Miami Dade Public Housing Agency (MDPHA) public housing projects:

GOB	242	New Elderly Units at Joe Moretti
GOB	244	New Elderly Units at Dante Fascell at 2929 NW 18 Avenue
GOB	245	New Elderly Units at Three Round Towers
GOB	246	New Family Units at Annie Coleman
GOB	247	New Family Units at Lincoln Gardens
GOB	248	New Elderly Units at Elizabeth Virrick I

Background and Relevant Legislation

On July 20, 2004, Resolution R-918-04 was approved by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) authorizing funding for a list of projects to construct and improve housing for the elderly and working families, to issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$194,997,000. The list of projects identified for these public and affordable housing projects to include the following:

242	MDPHA	9,400,000	New Elderly Units at Joe Moretti
244	MDPHA	3,000,000	New Elderly Units at Dante Fascell at 2929 NW 18 Avenue
245	MDPHA	9,400,000	New Elderly Units at Three Round Towers
246	MDPHA	2,500,000	New Family Units at Annie Coleman
247	MDPHA	3,400,000	New Family Units at Lincoln Gardens
248	MDPHA	4,600,000	New Elderly Units at Elizabeth Virrick I
249	MDPHA	132,700,000	Preservation of Affordable Housing Units and Expansion of Home Ownership. R- 537-08 establishes a procedure that captured and appropriated the original GOB Housing amount of \$137.7 million (Project 249) evenly among the 13 commission districts (\$10,592,307 per district).
327.1	HT	7,400,000	Land Acquisition for New Permanent Housing Projects
327.2	HT	7,600,000	Homestead Air Base - Permanent Housing Units Development
Transfer (from 249)	Hialeah	5,000,000	Transfer (Included in the \$10M for each district.)
341	Finance	9,997,000	Bond issuance Cost To Construct and Improve Housing For The Elderly And Families (Projection)
	Total	194,997,000	

There is an allocation of \$32.3 million for Miami Dade Public Housing Authority (MDPHA) for public housing projects in the GOB program that include the following projects:

242	MDPHA	9,400,000	New Elderly Units at Joe Moretti
244	MDPHA	3,000,000	New Elderly Units at Dante Fascell at 2929 NW 18 Avenue
245	MDPHA	9,400,000	New Elderly Units at Three Round Towers
246	MDPHA	2,500,000	New Family Units at Annie Coleman
247	MDPHA	3,400,000	New Family Units at Lincoln Gardens

248	MDPHA	4,600,000	New Elderly Units at Elizabeth Virrick I
	Total	32,300,000	

On December 9, 2009, members of the Housing & Community Development Committee (HCDC) approved and forwarded to the BCC a resolution to approve significant modifications, additions and deletions to the GOB program with respect to project numbers 242, 244, 245, 246, 247 and 248 based on an "Evaluations Report of GOB Projects" report issued by MDPHA in July 2009 (MDPHA GOB Report).

The MDPHA GOB Report re-analyzed the above-listed projects and made a determination to focus on the three most feasible GOB projects requiring projects numbers 242, 244, 245, 246, and 248 be deleted and to add to new project numbers 242.A and 244.A, and significantly modify project number 247. MDPHA in coordination with the Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) determined to focus on the three most feasible projects to ensure the most successful utilization of available funds in light of the substantial rise in construction costs.

The MDPHA GOB Report recommendation for projects 242.A, 244.A and 247 is a result of altering the composition of the existing projects, re-alignment of corresponding funding to maximize the use of the available funds. Each project was evaluated for its project scope, project characteristics and was identified for individual elements of advantage from other GOB projects.

The selected GOB projects included the following advantages:

- None of the three projects require relocation of residents;
- None of the three projects required re-zoning or Master Use Special Permit (MUSP) requiring additional time and costs;
- All three projects have ease of accessibility to the site for construction activities;
- The three recommended projects can be developed with two stories of less in order to provide approximate number of units more economically and faster than the original six projects;
- Project 244.A has received Demolition/Disposition approval from HUD, Project 247 has received Demolition approval and Project 242.A does not require HUD approval.

The MDPHA GOB Report included additional advantages that were taken into consideration when selecting the recommended projects that included addressing Unsafe Structures Board citations and compliance with Expanded Hope IV Target Area.

All three recommended projects are located within Commission District 3.

The GOB Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) approved the recommendations set forth in the MDPHA Evaluations Report on April 27, 2009.

Budgetary Impact

There is no fiscal impact on the existing GOB Program allocation of \$32.3 million, it will remain the same. However, the number of units originally estimated with original six projects will decrease from 341 units down to 296 units.

GOB Project No.	Name/Description of Project	No. of Units	Allocation
242.A	Victory Homes New affordable family units on underutilized vacant land.	77	\$10,000,000
244.A	Elizabeth Virrick II Demolition of existing dilapidated units and construction of affordable elderly units.	124	\$10,000,000
247	Lincoln Gardens Construct new public and affordable family housing on existing County land.	95	\$12,300,000
	TOTAL	296	\$32,000,000

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