

Date: August 20, 2013

To: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor 

Subject: Directive Assignment 131445—Status of U.S. HUD Allocations

At the July 8, 2013 Cultural Affairs and Recreation Committee meeting Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan requested a report outlining the status of any and all outstanding U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (U.S. HUD) allocations for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds, including unresolved issues that may exist with developers. Commissioner Jordan also requested that the Administration ensure that the County's funding entitlements were not jeopardized and include a plan on how to expend those funds.

CDBG

Miami-Dade County is over the ratio allowed for funds in the CDBG line of credit. As demonstrated in the July 16, 2013 Board approved recapture/reallocation item #131450, the Public Housing and Community Development Department (PHCD) has undertaken an aggressive strategy to expend CDBG funds. The Department anticipates that the timeliness ratio will be met by October 31, 2013.

HOME OPEN ACTIVITIES

Ten activities in the HOME Program were identified by HUD as liability risks requiring a corrective action plan. PHCD staff met with Deputy Assistant Secretary of U.S. HUD Yolanda Chavez and committed to closing as many of these activities as possible. Four of the activities representing \$2,560,076.38 are no longer liabilities due to project closure and review of documentation; six other activities totaling \$2,226,156.49 are still in question. Should U.S. HUD require pay back of funds, the County has the option to reduce its allocation by a percentage annually to satisfy the liability over time in lieu of a lump sum payment by the County. However, staff is still working on this situation and no final resolution has been determined. The Board will be provided with updates as the plan progresses.

ESG ACTIVITIES

There are no issues with U.S. HUD on ESG funding.

If you have further questions regarding this information please contact Gregg Fortner at 786-469-4106.

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