



## OFFICE OF HOUSING & URBAN IMPROVEMENT

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### MEMORANDUM – 20-128

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**TO:** Mark Berman, City Attorney

**FROM:** Alex Goldstein, MPA, Acting OHUI Director AG

**DATE:** May 4, 2020

**RE:** Request for Resolution for FY 2019 CDBG Action Plan Substantial Amendment (CARES Act).

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OHUI is requesting a resolution ratifying the amended FY 2019 CDBG Action Plan that was expedited for approval by the Mayor and City Manager due to the immediate need created by the Covid-19 Emergency. This action will be ratified by City Commission on May 26, 2020.

The City received a \$613,463 CDBG CARES Act entitlement allocation. Staff is recommending that it is in the best interest of our residents to utilize these funds for:

- (1) Emergency Rental assistance
- (2) Emergency Mortgage assistance
- (3) Expansion of the Meals on Wheels program

The City is required to prepare an amendment to its CDBG Annual Action Plan in order to incorporate provisions governing the use of these funds. Ordinarily staff would present this amendment to the City Commission for approval. However, in an effort to expedite getting these funds to our residents, staff is requesting that the Mayor and City Manager approve the amendment to the FY 2019 CDBG Annual Action Plan. This action can be subject to ratification at the next scheduled City Commission meeting (5/26/2020). Although Governor DeSantis, per Executive Order 20-94, has enacted a moratorium on evictions and foreclosures through May 17<sup>th</sup>, Staff is requesting that the Substantial Amendment to the Annual Action Plan be approved by the Mayor and City Manager to allow us to proceed expeditiously with the Emergency Rental Assistance, Mortgage Assistance Programs and Meals on Wheels, in order to provide our residents with peace of mind. This is because the Governor's Order only allows for a deferral and many residents will not be able to make up back payments.

All relevant back up is attached. Please let me know should you require additional information to expedite this process.

Thank you.