

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR RENEWAL FUNDING OF HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS (HOPWA) PROGRAM WITH THE CITY OF KEY WEST AS "APPLICANT" AND AIDS HELP, INC. AS "SPONSOR"; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will be making available funding for supportive housing for persons with AIDS (HOPWA) and their families nationwide, including competitive funding for Special Projects of National Significance proposed by States, units of local government, or non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Key West as "Applicant" and AIDS Help, Inc. as "Sponsor" have been awarded six such HOPWA grants, first in 1994 for \$997,672, and then in 1998 for \$1,150,000, and then in 2001 for \$1,188,500, and again for 2004 for \$1,422,000 and in 2007 for \$1,424,500, and most recently in 2013 for \$1,430,000 for Special Projects of National Significance which have proved to be successful in providing permanent supportive housing to persons with AIDS and their families in the City of Key West and Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, this latter funding is scheduled to expire in March 2017; and

WHEREAS, the annual State of Florida's Price Level Index continues to rank Monroe County as having the highest cost of living of any county in Florida with housing (rental/ownership) cost the highest index; and

WHEREAS, affordable housing is one of the City's most significant economic and social concerns for a sustainable community; and

WHEREAS, because Monroe County has the highest per capita incidence of AIDS in the State of Florida, the need for federally supported low-income housing for persons with AIDS is even more urgent to prevent such persons from becoming homeless; and

WHEREAS, AIDS Help, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that provides a full range of support services for persons with HIV/AIDS in the City of Key West and Monroe County, and is the lead agency providing care and support for persons with AIDS; and AIDS Help, Inc. has been under contract since 1986 with the Florida Department of Health to be the recipient of all the State's Department of Health funding for patient care for persons with AIDS in Monroe County;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the Community Development Office of the City of Key West is hereby authorized to submit a renewal grant application for up to One Million Four Hundred and Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$1,430,000.00) to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, with the City of Key West as "Applicant" and AIDS Help, Inc. as the project "Sponsor", under the HOPWA Program's "Special Projects of National Significance" regulations as published in the Federal Register and Notice CPD09-07 issued March 21, 2016, by the HUD-establishment application deadline of April 15, 2016.

Section 2: That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the grant application documents and the subsequent grant agreement on behalf of the City of Key West.

Section 3: That the City of Key West's Community Development Office is hereby requested to provide technical assistance and liaison on the HOPWA application to AIDS Help, Inc. and administer the grant.

Section 4: That the City of Key West's Community Development Office is hereby directed to collect data, monitor, and evaluate the "Sponsor's" project and its program activities

on behalf of the "Applicant" and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Section 5: That this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signature of the presiding officer and the Clerk of the Commission.

Passed and adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

Filed with the Clerk on \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

Mayor Craig Cates	_____
Vice Mayor Clayton Lopez	_____
Commissioner Sam Kaufman	_____
Commissioner Richard Payne	_____
Commissioner Margaret Romero	_____
Commissioner Billy Wardlow	_____
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley	_____

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CRAIG CATES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK