



THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Date: May 23, 2016

To: Bahama Village Redevelopment Advisory Committee

From: Thaddeus Cohen, Planning Director

Cc: Greg Veliz, Assistant City Manager
Mark Finigan, Finance Director

Subject: Recommend Using of \$350,000.00 of CRA Funds for Retrofit of Douglas Band Room.

ACTION STATEMENT

Requesting the Bahama Village Redevelopment Advisory Committee (BVRAC) recommend the use of \$350,000.00 from the Caroline Street Corridor and Bahama Village Community Redevelopment Authority to partially fund renovations to the Douglas Band Room for a Florida Department of Health in Monroe County clinic.

BACKGROUND

The Douglas Band Room (Band Room) is located within the Caroline Street Corridor and Bahama Village Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA) boundaries. An estimated \$700,000. will be required to retrofit the facility for use by the Florida Department of Health in Monroe County (Health Department) to maintain a clinic in Bahama Village. To fund this retrofit, the City proposes to share the construction cost with the CRA, each contributing \$350,000. Architectural design will be funded by the Health Department.

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

Relocation of the Health Department is necessary to facilitate renovation of the Frederick Douglas Gym and ultimately that portion of the Roosevelt Sands facility currently housing the department. The Band Room has been “white boxed” by the City and available for immediate retrofit into the highest and best use.

MEMORANDUM

The deteriorated condition of the Douglas Gym is well documented and the proposed renovation will provide building code compliance and extend the useful life of the building. The remaining portion of the building has been identified for future renovation into a multi-use facility including a community center.

The Band Room is located within the CRA/BVRAC boundaries.

This resolution supports Key West Strategic Plan Infrastructure Goal #5, *All of the City's destinations and resources are accessible to residents and visitors*, and Government Goal #3, *Team Key West – Cooperative planning efforts among organizations, business, and all government agencies*.

FINANCIAL

Retrofit construction is estimated at \$700,000. Proposed funding is as follows:

City Infrastructure Surtax:	\$350,000.
Requested Transfer from CRA:	<u>\$350,000.</u>
Total:	\$700,000.

Transfer from City Infrastructure funds is subject to FY 2016/17 budget approval by City Commission. This amount will be reduced/adjusted if funds are allocated by the Health Department.

RECOMMENDATION

The Bahama Village Redevelopment Advisory Committee (BVRAC) should recommend the use of \$350,000.00 from the Caroline Street Corridor and Bahama Village Community Redevelopment Authority to partially fund renovations to the Douglas Band Room for a Florida Department of Health in Monroe County clinic.