



MEMORANDUM

Date: March 5, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

Via: Brian L. Barroso
City Manager

CC: Patrick Wright, Growth Management Director

From: Tina Burns, Community Development Program Manager

Subject: **File ID 26-5091** Accepting the FY25 HOPWA renewal grant funding award in the amount of \$1,519,564.00 for the Housing Opportunities for Person With Aids (HOPWA) program.

Introduction

This is a request to accept the awarded (FY) 2025 Housing Opportunities for Person With Aids (HOPWA) renewal grant agreement in the amount of \$1,519,564 for the City of Key West (City) as the “Grantee” and A.H. of Monroe County, Inc (A.H. Monroe) as the “Sponsor” for the HOPWA Program.

Background

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Grant provides a three-year HOPWA allocation to benefit low-income persons and their families living with HIV/AIDS. The HOPWA program is the only Federal program dedicated to the housing needs of people living with HIV/AIDS. The City of Key West as a “Grantee” and A.H. of Monroe County, Inc as the “Sponsor” have partnered since 1994 to apply through HUD’s competitive funding for special projects of national significance for supportive housing for individuals living with HIV/AIDS.

The City and A.H. Monroe have successfully been awarded over nine (9) grants totaling \$11,992,236 since 1994 to provide housing supportive services in Monroe County. The current grant award will expire on March 31, 2026. The City of Key West along with A.H. Monroe submitted a HOPWA renewal grant application to HUD in June of 2025 and have been awarded a grant in the amount of \$1,519,564 for (FY) 2025.

Monroe County has a high per capita incidence of AIDS in the State of Florida and the need for federally supported low-income housing for persons with AIDS is important to prevent such persons and their families from becoming homeless. A.H. Of Monroe County, 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. A. H. 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 HIV/AIDS in Monroe County.

This grant award allows A.H. Monroe to successfully provide Tenant Based Rental Assistance to increase permanent housing for low-income individuals and their families living with HIV/AIDS. The program is a preventative step to reduce chances of homelessness for individuals and their families living with HIV/AIDS. The grant will further provide access to housing information and supportive services to secure and maintain stable housing and improve access to healthcare and other essential services.

The City as the Grantee will manage the grant award including oversight of project sponsor, application submission, reporting, ensuring compliance and grant audit. Grantee will be responsible for financial management of grant draws through IDIS.

A.H. Monroe as the Sponsor will provide tenant-based rental assistance, case management, housing information services, supportive services and referrals for access to healthcare and other essential services.

The grant award will provide tenant based rental assistance to 40 households and housing services to over 120 households over the three-year grant period.

Procurement

Revenue from the grant will cover the following activities to A.H. Monroe to provide tenant-based rental assistance, housing services and administrative costs. These items are budgeted in account 1200000 3316900 (Community Development Fund Other Human Services). The City will receive an administration fee to provide oversight of project sponsor, application submission, reporting, compliance, financial management and grant audit.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Mayor and Commission approve the resolution accepting the awarded (FY) 2025 Housing Opportunities for Person With Aids (HOPWA) renewal grant agreement in the amount of \$1,519,564 authorizing the City Manager to execute the grant agreement and any necessary documents and subsequent amendments.