



CITY OF DURHAM | NORTH CAROLINA

Date: March 9, 2012

To: Thomas Bonfield, City Manager
Through: Keith Chadwell, Deputy City Manager
From: Constance Stancil, Director of Neighborhood Improvement Services
Subject: Amendment to Grant Project Ordinance No. 14190-
2011-12 HUD Cooperative Agreement Award

Executive Summary

The Human Relations Division of the Neighborhood Improvement Services Department has been authorized by the City Council to administer local, state and federal laws, ordinances and regulations dealing with discrimination in fair housing. The department has been awarded Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP) Partnership Funds in the amount of \$50,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The purpose of this proposed Council action is to amend grant project ordinance #14190 which is the 2011-12 HUD Cooperative Agreement Award.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to accept the City of Durham North Carolina and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Funds by executing the grant documents and adopting the amended City of Durham Grant Project Ordinance in the amount of \$203,640.

Background

In 1995, a renewable contract was developed and agreed to by the Durham Human Relations Department/Commission and HUD. This contract resulted from City Council action requesting legislative approval of an enhanced local anti-discrimination fair housing ordinance, making Durham's ordinance substantially equivalent to federal fair housing law.

The Durham Human Relations Division has been certified every five years since receiving the first contract from HUD in 1995. The most recent agency certification was received on March 19, 2010. Consequently, the department is eligible to receive Partnership Funds through the Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP) grant. The funding will be used for partnership activities with El Centro and the Urban Design Center.

Issues/Analysis

Once approved, these funds will allow the Human Relations Division to conduct more comprehensive and targeted fair housing education and outreach to the Hispanic/Latino community through partnership with El Centro. In addition, funding will be used to help the City of Durham produce groundbreaking fair housing research and policies relative to affirmatively furthering fair housing through partnership with the Durham Urban Design Center. Research will be conducted on the impact of unfair housing practices on protected classes in inner city communities lacking affordable housing near public transportation and also other housing policy related issues.

- Case Processing: \$ 127,140
- Training: \$ 6,500
- Administrative Cost (AC): \$ 20,000
- **FHAP Partnership Funds** \$ **50,000**

Total Contract Amount \$ **203,640**

Alternatives

The City Council may choose to not accept this ordinance resulting in inadequate funds for the Department to spend in carrying out fair housing partnership activities throughout the City.

Financial Impact

This grant provides the City with additional funds to provide fair housing outreach and activities. There is no impact on the General Fund.

SDBE Summary

This is a grant project ordinance from HUD promoting fair housing and equality of services and therefore not required to be reviewed for compliance with the Ordinance to Promote Equal Business Opportunities in City Contracting.

Attachments

HUD Grant Project Ordinance
HUD Assistance Award Contract