

CITY OF TAMARAC
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM (20 06 006M)
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

TO: Michael C. Cernech,
City Manager

FROM: Maxine A. Calloway,
Community Development Director

DATE: June 20, 2020

RE: Approving the Residential Assistance Program and appropriating \$250,000 from the General Fund for implementation; Temp. Reso. No. 13459

Recommendation: The Director of Community Development recommends that the City Commission review and approve the Residential Assistance Program, Exhibit A, and appropriate \$250,000 from the General Fund for its implementation.

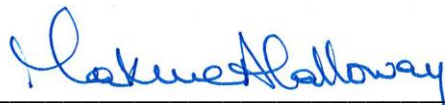
Issue: Due to the economic impact caused by COVID-19, the SHIP Mortgage, Rent and Utility Assistance Program was created. Due to limited funding and income restrictions for the SHIP funded program, some impacted residents were not assisted. The City Commission have expressed their desire to assist more residents with mortgage, rent and utility expenses by allocating an additional \$250,000 from the General Fund.

Background: On April 27, 2020 the SHIP Mortgage, Rent and Utility Assistance Program opened for applications. Due to overwhelming response (165 applications), the application period closed on May 1, 2020. The demand for assistance to additional residents was increasing. On June 10, 2020, the City Commission directed staff to create and implement the Residential Assistance Program, funded by the General Fund.

The Residential Assistance Program mimics the SHIP Mortgage, Rent and Utility Assistance Program with regards to the application and documentation processes. However, the new Residential Assistance Program allows for household income up to 120% of the Area Median Income. Additionally, this new application process will include in-person drop off to City Hall for the entire application window, June 29, 2020 beginning at 10:00 a.m. to July 6, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Advertising efforts began on June 15, 2020 when this new round of applications was announced on the housing page of the City's website. Additionally, the Public Information Office has created a flyer to be posted on the website and shared via all social media outlets, email blasts and COVID-19 updates.

Fiscal Impact: There is a \$250,000 impact to the general fund. This item supports strategic goal #5-A Vibrant Community.



Maxine A. Calloway,
Director of Community Development

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Attachments:

Temporary Resolution #13459
Exhibit A – Residential Assistance Program