

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED AGREEMENT WITH HISPANIC UNITY OF FLORIDA, INC. TO PROVIDE HOUSING COUNSELING SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,563.00.

WHEREAS, Sections 420.907 through 420.9079, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 67-37 of the Florida Administrative Code (FAC), allow municipalities to receive state funds dedicated to affordable housing production and preservation; and

WHEREAS, the City has established Local Housing Assistance Plans pursuant to City Code Chapter 160; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 State of Florida Legislative Budget Commission approved a \$3,000,000.00 allocation to provide foreclosure counseling services to be administered by Florida Housing Finance Corporation, through the Foreclosure Counseling Program ("FCP"); and

WHEREAS, the Florida Housing Finance Corporation allocated \$20,563.00 of FCP funds to the City to be used to provide first-time homebuyer counseling, foreclosure prevention counseling, financial coaching, financial management education, and/or extended financial management through United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Approved Housing Counseling Agencies; and

WHEREAS, on October 4, 2017, the City Commission passed and adopted Resolution No. R-2017-297 amending the Local Housing Assistance Plan for Fiscal Year 2016/2017 to carry forward the Housing Counseling allocation; and

WHEREAS, Broward County is also a recipient of FCP funds and has allocated funding to the Broward County Housing Authority to provide counseling solely limited to foreclosure prevention; and

WHEREAS, residents of the City are eligible to receive foreclosure prevention counseling services provided by the Broward County Housing Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Broward County Housing Authority is not required to focus its outreach services to Hollywood residents; and

WHEREAS, the Broward County Housing Authority is not required to hold foreclosure prevention workshops within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City is interested in offering a more comprehensive housing counseling program geared specifically toward Hollywood residents; and

WHEREAS, Section 38.40(C)(8) of the City's Purchasing Ordinance provides that purchases of and contracts for supplies or contractual services, when the City Commission declares by a five-sevenths affirmative vote that competitive bidding is not in the best interest of the City, are exempt from the competitive bidding process; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Unity of Florida, Inc. possesses the requisite skills to provide first-time homebuyer counseling, foreclosure prevention counseling, financial coaching, financial management education, and/or extended financial management; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Unity of Florida, Inc. is the only HUD-Approved Housing Counseling Agency with offices located in Hollywood; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Unity of Florida, Inc. is a local organization with ties to the community and has a history of providing these types of services to Hollywood residents; and

WHEREAS, funding of local non-profit agencies further builds the capacity of organizations with demonstrated involvement of local residents and long-term commitment to community goals; and

WHEREAS, for the reasons described, staff recommends engaging Hispanic Unity of Florida, Inc. to provide first-time homebuyer counseling, foreclosure prevention counseling, financial coaching, financial management education, and/or extended financial management to Hollywood residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are incorporated in this Resolution.

Section 2: That it approves and authorizes the execution, by the appropriate City officials, of the attached Agreement with Hispanic Unity of Florida, Inc., together with such non-material changes as may be subsequently agreed to by the City Manager and approved as to form and legal sufficiency by the City Attorney.

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Section 3: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2018.

JOSH LEVY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PATRICIA A. CERNY, MMC, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY for the use and reliance of the City of Hollywood, Florida, only.

DOUGLAS R. GONZALES, CITY ATTORNEY