

Lee County Board Of County Commissioners

Agenda Item Summary

Blue Sheet No: 20030504

1. REQUESTED MOTION

ACTION REQUESTED: Execute a grant award agreement between Habitat for Humanity and Lee County for \$177,645 in SHIP funds to be expended by June 30, 2003 for the construction of eight single-family homes for low-income persons. Cancel the following three contracts with LARC for a total of \$177,645 in SHIP funds for the construction of a group home for persons with developmental disabilities: Contract C-2403 for \$6,109; Contract C-1699 for \$40,000 and Contract C-1591 for \$131,536 Direct staff that future SHIP applications from LARC to construct a group home will be given priority to assure future funding

WHY ACTION IS NECESSARY: Staff does not believe that LARC can complete this project by May 30, 2003. To stay in compliance with SHIP regulations funds must be expended by June 30, 2003 and Habitat is capable of doing this.

WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES: Assures that SHIP funds are expended in timely fashion.

2. DEPARTMENTAL CATEGORY: 04
COMMISSION DISTRICT #: CW

C4B

3. MEETING DATE: 05-06-2003

4. AGENDA:

- CONSENT ADMINISTRATIVE
- APPEALS
- PUBLIC
- WALK ON
- TIME REQUIRED:

5. REQUIREMENT/PURPOSE:

- (Specify)
- STATUTE
 - ORDINANCE
 - ADMIN. CODE
 - OTHER

6. REQUESTOR OF INFORMATION:

- A. COMMISSIONER N/A
 - B. DEPARTMENT Community Development
 - C. DIVISION Planning
- BY: Paul O'Connor, AICP, Planning Director
POC 4/23/03

7. BACKGROUND: Lee County entered into the following contracts with LARC for a total of \$177,645 to construct a group home with SHIP funds:

- On September 15, 2000 Lee County entered into contract number C-1591 for \$131,536 with a due date of December 31, 2002, which was subsequently extended to May 30, 2003.
- On February 28, 2001 Lee County entered into contract number C-1699 for \$40,000 to provide additional funds to the project. The due date was December 31, 2002 and was extended to May 30, 2003.
- On February 25, 2003 Lee County entered into contract number C-2403 for \$6,109 to provide additional funds to the project. The due date was December 31, 2003.

In the process of constructing this group home LARC has encountered numerous obstacles. Staff has worked with LARC to try to overcome these obstacles to the extent that a staff person has meet with LARC members almost weekly since April 2002 to try to get this project on track. On several occasions staff had suggested that LARC cancel the contract and re-apply at a later date. LARC refused to do this and insisted the project could be completed within the time frame and staff deferred to LARC's wishes. However, as of April 23, 2003 LARC still does not have a building permit, staff does not believe this project can be completed in the specified time frame.

Staff supports the building of a group home by LARC and that is why staff is requesting direction that future SHIP applications from LARC to construct a group home from SHIP funds be given priority.

In order to meet the state deadline for the expenditure of the majority of these SHIP funds by June 30, 2003, staff recommends that the County Commissioners enter into a grant award agreement with Habitat for Humanity for the production of eight single family homes for low income persons. These homes are already under construction and Habitat was planning to finance part of their construction from SHIP subsidies from contracts with the county with due dates of December 31, 2003. Staff recommends that instead of financing these homes with contracts due in December 31, 2003 and beyond, the Board execute a grant award agreement to allow these homes to be subsidized with the SHIP funds expiring in June 30, 2003. The average subsidy for each of the eight homes would be \$22,205 in SHIP funds to benefit low-income households. Staff recommends that these additional funds be awarded to Habitat because it was ranked #1 in the 2001/2002 Supplemental cycle but did not receive full funding and because it can complete the project within the prescribed deadline. Funds are available in LB55405 13891.508302 LB005 and LB004. No additional SHIP funds are required.

8. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

9. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:

A Department Director	B Purchasing or Contracts	C Human Resources	D Other	E County Attorney	F Budget Services				G County Manager
		N/A	N/A		Apr 24/03				
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10. COMMISSION ACTION:

- APPROVED
- DENIED
- DEFERRED
- OTHER

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