

**Lee County Board Of County Commissioners
Agenda Item Summary**

August 8, 2003

Blue Sheet No. 20030951

1. REQUESTED MOTION:

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve Grant Award Agreement from the Office of the Attorney General and the Budget Amendment Resolution for the Department of Human Services to provide down payment assistance for disabled or elderly homebuyers.

WHY ACTION IS NECESSARY: Human Services was notified of award on August 7, 2003. Agreement needs to be signed to receive the money and the budget amended.

WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES: Allows Human Services to accept \$125,000 for down payment assistance for persons with a disability or the elderly.

2. DEPARTMENTAL CATEGORY: 05 COMMISSION DISTRICT # CW <u>C5A</u>	3. MEETING DATE: <u>08-26-2003</u>
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4. AGENDA: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSENT <input type="checkbox"/> ADMINISTRATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> APPEALS <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC <input type="checkbox"/> WALK ON TIME REQUIRED:	5. REQUIREMENT/PURPOSE: <i>(Specify)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> STATUTE <input type="checkbox"/> ORDINANCE <input type="checkbox"/> ADMIN. CODE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER	6. REQUESTOR OF INFORMATION: A. COMMISSIONER _____ B. DEPARTMENT <u>Human Services</u> C. DIVISION <u>Housing Services</u> BY: <u>Marsha Popkey, Housing Services Program Manager</u>
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7. BACKGROUND:
On August 7, 2003 the Department of Human Services was notified of a grant award from the Office of the Attorney General in the amount of \$125,000. This grant will provide additional down payment assistance to facilitate homeownership for persons with a disability or the elderly. The amount of assistance provided to each household will be secured by a second mortgage.

Because of the rising housing costs, these very low-income households need greater subsidies to achieve affordable housing. Persons with disabilities are one of the most underserved populations for homeownership, with less than 5% owning homes.

Attachments: Grant Award Agreement (3 originals)
 Notice of Funds
 Budget Amendment Resolution
 Grants at a Glance

8. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:
Approve the item

9. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:

A Department Director	B Purchasing or Contracts	C Human Resources	D Other	E County Attorney	F Budget Services				G County Manager
<i>AM</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A	<i>Andrea Jester</i>	OA RK 8/12	OM JP 8/15/03	Risk JP 8/15/03	GC JP 8/14/03	HS 8/14/03

10. COMMISSION ACTION:

APPROVED
 DENIED
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RESOLUTION

Amending the General Fund #00100 Budget for unanticipated receipts for Fiscal Year 2002-2003.

WHEREAS, in compliance with the Florida Statutes 129.06(2), it is the desire of the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida, to amend the General Fund #00100 budget for \$125,000 of unanticipated receipts from the Housing Tax Certificate Program settlement proceeds and an appropriation of a like amount for other grants and aid;

WHEREAS, the General Fund #00100 budget shall be amended to include the following amounts which were previously not included.

ESTIMATED REVENUES

Prior Total:		\$323,992,370
Additions		
FC5540800100.337100.9001	Contribution – Tax Collector	\$125,000
Amended Total Estimated Revenues		\$324,117,370

APPROPRIATIONS

Prior Total:		\$323,992,370
Additions		
FC5540800100.508309.1109	Other Grants and Aid	\$125,000
Amended Total Appropriations		\$324,117,370

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida, that the General Fund #00100 budget is hereby amended to show the above additions to its Estimated Revenue and Appropriation accounts.

Duly voted upon and adopted in Chambers at a regular Public Hearing by the Board of County Commissioners on this ____ day of _____, 2003.

ATTEST:
CHARLIE GREEN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM

OFFICE OF COUNTY ATTORNEY

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GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT

August 7, 2003

Grantor: Office of the Attorney General

Grantee: Lee County Department of Human Services

Contact: Ms. Karen Hawes, Director of Human Services
83 Pondella Road Suite 1
N. Ft. Myers, Florida 33903

Employer identification #59-6000702

Grant award amount: \$125,000.00

Population to be served: Homebuyers with disabilities or elderly homebuyers.

Details of services and activities to be provided: Lee County Department of Human Services submitted a proposal that will create a new program to provide downpayment assistance in an amount between \$10,000 and \$25,000 for people with disabilities or the elderly to purchase a home. The \$125,000 provided by the Office of the Attorney General will be combined with other funding sources, which will allow people with disabilities or the elderly to borrow less money. By borrowing less money, they will be able to afford the monthly mortgage payment. With these funds, Lee County anticipates making an additional five to ten families homeowners.

The undersigned, as authorized representative of the above named Grantee, does hereby accept the Tax Certificate Settlement Grant in the amount of \$125,000.00 (the "Grant") for the above stated purpose, and as further described in the grant proposal.

It is agreed that the Grant will be used only for the purpose as stated in this agreement and as further described in the grant proposal. It is understood that the Grant will be used for such purposes substantially in accordance with the grant proposal and that no substantial variances in use of the funds will be made without the prior written approval of the Office of the Attorney General. You are also advised that as a condition of receiving Grant you will be required to submit to the Office of the Attorney General an accounting of the funds. Additionally, you may be subject to an audit if the Office of the Attorney General deems such audit appropriate.

The undersigned, as authorized representative of the above named Grantee does here by certifies that the Grant from the Office of the Attorney General will not be used to replace or supplant current funding, but will be used to fund a new program that is not currently funded.

The undersigned, as authorized representative of the above named Grantee does here by certifies that Lee County Department of Human Services is an equal opportunity provider of services.

Funding will be awarded to all eligible recipients based on a first come, first ready, basis. Lee County Department of Human Services does not discriminate based on race, creed, sex, religion, national origin, marital or familial status or disability.

ACCEPTED AND AGREED:

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Return to:

Elizabeth G. Arthur

Assistant Attorney General

Office of the Attorney General

Antitrust Division

PL-01, The Capitol

Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050



CHARLIE CRIST
*Attorney General
State of Florida*

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS
THE CAPITOL
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-1050

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Reply to:
Office of the Attorney General
Antitrust Section
(850)414-3600; SunCom 994-3600

August 7, 2003

**Via Fax: 239-652-7960 &
Federal Express**

Ms. Karen Hawes
Director of Human Services
Department of Human Services, Lee County Florida
83 Pondella Road Suite 1
N. Ft. Myers, Florida 33903

Re: 1998 Lee County Tax Certificate Litigation

Dear Ms. Hawes:

On behalf of Attorney General Charlie Crist, we are pleased to inform you that your organization has been approved for a grant of \$125,000 from the settlement funds received by the State of Florida in connection with a lawsuit filed against various purchasers of tax certificates. The settlement fund has been earmarked and approved by the Court for programs that provide housing-related services to the citizens of Lee County, Florida.

Based upon the grant proposal submitted by your organization, your agency has indicated its intention to provide the following services:

Lee County Department of Human Services will create a new program to provide downpayment assistance in an amount between \$10,000 and \$25,000 for people with disabilities or the elderly to purchase a home. The money provided by the Office of the Attorney General will be combined with other funding sources, which will allow people with disabilities or the elderly to borrow less money. By borrowing less money, they will be able to afford their monthly mortgage payment. With these funds, Lee County anticipates making an additional five to ten families homeowners.

Attached is a letter agreement which states the amount of the grant, the purpose for which these funds are awarded and our conditions about the use of your specific grant. Please sign and date the letter indicating your acceptance and agreement to comply with the conditions of the grant, and return it to our office at your earliest convenience. After the letter agreements have been signed and returned by grant recipients, checks will be mailed to grantees.

Ms. Hawes
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If you have any questions about the grant award, please contact me at 850-414-3600. Please accept our good wishes for the success in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth G. Arthur", with a small flourish at the end.

Elizabeth G. Arthur
Assistant Attorney General

EGA/jw

Enclosures