



DRAFT AGENDA

MONDAY, JULY 15, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

1 Oakwood Boulevard, Suite 250

Hollywood, FL 33020

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VIRTUAL / PHYSICAL MEETING

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- I. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call
- II. Welcome & Approval Council Agenda
- III. Presentations and Updates
 - FY 22-23 Audit Presentation (Time Approximate: 11:00 AM)
Tanya I. Davis, CPA, Partner, S. Davis & Associates, PA
 - South Florida's ClimateReady Tech Hub (Time Approximate: 11:20 AM)
Francesca de Quesada Covey, Miami-Dade County Chief Innovation and Economic Development Officer
- IV. Action Items
 - A. Minutes of Previous Meeting
 - B. Financial Report and Amended Budget FY23-24



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C. Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews (*Property Rights)

Proposed:

- Broward County 24-02ESR
- Broward County 24-03ESR
- Islamorada, Village of Islands 24-03ACSC
- City of Lauderdale Lakes 24-01ER
- Town of Southwest Ranches 24-01ESR
- City of Sweetwater 24-01ESR

Public Hearing

Adopted

- Monroe County 24-01ACSC
- City of Coconut Creek 24-01ER*
- City of Sunrise 24-01ESR
- City of Tamarac 23-01ESR

Public Hearing

- D. Regional Issues: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review
- E. Audit Report
- F. FY 2024-2025 Membership Fees

Public Comments

V. Program Reports and Activities

- A. SFRPC Revolving Loan Funds Status Report
- B. SFRPC CARES Act RLF Status Report
- C. SFRPC Regional Conference
- D. Council Highlights

VI. Discussion Items

- A. Executive Director's Report
- B. Legal Counsel Report
- C. Council Members Report
- D. Ex-Officio Report

VII. Announcements and Attachments

- A. Attendance Form
- B. Correspondence and Articles
- C. Upcoming Meetings
 - 1) August, Summer Recess
 - 2) NOTE NEW DATE: September 30, 2024, 10:30 a.m. (SFRPC)
 - 3) October 18, 2024, (SFRPC/TCRPC Joint Meeting, TBD)
 - 4) October 21, 2024, 10:30 a.m. (SFRPC)

VIII. Adjournment

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COUNCIL GUESTS



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Tanya I. Davis, CPA is the assurance partner at S. Davis & Associates, P.A. (“SDA”), a public accounting and consulting firm with four Florida offices. She oversees the assurance and human resources departments and plays a major role in the consulting department and general office oversight. She joined SDA in 1997 after gaining experience with the global accounting firms of PricewaterhouseCoopers and Grant Thornton. During her career, she has worked with clients in a variety of industries, including government, not-for-profit, hospitality, sports and entertainment, wholesale distribution, higher education, insurance, and healthcare.

Tanya has served on various boards and, often, chairs committees related to audit, finance and compliance. In the public accounting field, she was the first African-American female CPA appointed to the Florida Board of Accountancy and served on the board for 7 years. During her tenure, she chaired the Board, itself, and its Probable Cause Panel and Minority Scholarships Committee, and was a member of the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy. As a member of Barry University’s President Search Committee, she was instrumental in hiring the first lay person and first male President of the University, helping catapult her to becoming a Vice-Chair of the Board in under five years of serving as a Trustee. As a member of the audit committees of Barry University, the Humane Society of Broward County< Community Foundation of Broward, and the Art & Culture Center of Hollywood, she is relied upon for her audit and accounting acumen and has improved the organizations’ policies around audit, tax, and compliance matters, ensuring proper controls are in place.

Tanya is a Cum Laude graduate of Barry University and is licensed to practice as a CPA in Florida. Tanya’s husband, Shaun, is a fellow CPA and they have three adult children, one of whom is also a CPA.



Francesca de Quesada Covey is the Chief Innovation and Economic Development Officer for Miami-Dade County. Reporting to Mayor Levine Cava, de Quesada Covey leads efforts to accelerate innovation and economic opportunity, growing the County’s “FutureReady” economy where all residents can succeed and thrive. de Quesada Covey is a seasoned executive and tech investor with over 15 years of experience developing public-private partnerships and advising technology firms, elected officials, and government agencies.

Prior to joining the County, de Quesada Covey was the Chief Investment Officer at TheVentureCity, a global early-stage investment firm. In this role, she oversaw the strategy for pre-seed and seed investments and supported the growth of 108 portfolio companies. In parallel, she served the Mayor of Miami Dade County as Tech and Innovation Advisor and she founded the Miami-Dade Innovation Authority in 2023, a not-for-profit investment vehicle supporting early-stage companies scale products solving pressing local challenges through strategic procurement partnerships.

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From 2013-2021, de Quesada Covey worked at Facebook (now Meta) where she led business development and partnerships teams focused on internationalization and growth. During her time at Facebook, she worked on connectivity, payments, and small business efforts, culminating in a cross-company strategy role in the CEO and COO's office. Before joining Meta, she served as Deputy Counselor of Strategic Engagement in the Office of Public Engagement under President Obama.

Francesca holds degrees from Columbia University (B.A., political science and French) and Institut d'Etudes Politiques in Paris, France (M.A., finance). She is the daughter of Cuban immigrants, and along with her husband and two daughters she proudly calls Miami-Dade home.

**MINUTES OF THE
SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

MAY 20, 2024

The South Florida Regional Planning Council met virtually and in person on this date at the South Florida Regional Planning Council, 1 Oakwood Boulevard, Suite 250, Hollywood, FL 33020. Chair Geller welcomed everyone, called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m., and asked Councilmember Caplan to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. The recording of this meeting can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rew4x-ytBKY>

I. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Chair Steve Geller
Councilmember Mario J. Bailey*
Councilmember Frank Caplan
Councilmember Craig Cates*
Councilmember Joseph Corradino**
Councilmember Beam Furr**
Councilmember René García**
Councilmember Oliver Gilbert, III**
Councilmember Cary Goldberg*
Councilmember Denise Horland
Councilmember Samuel Kaufman**
Councilmember Michelle Lincoln
Councilmember Kionne McGhee**
Councilmember Greg Ross**
Councilmember Michael Udine*

* Virtually Present

** Absent

SFRPC Executive Director Isabel Cosio Carballo and Legal Counsel Sam Goren were present.

The following Ex-Officio Members were virtually present:

- Dat Huynh, representing the Florida Department of Transportation, District VI
- Jon Moore for Sirena Davila, representing the Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Armando L. Vilaboy, representing the South Florida Water Management District
- Kent Walia, representing the Florida Department of Transportation, District IV

Sam Goren, Legal Counsel, stated that once Councilmember Horland arrived, she and Councilmember Caplan could be appointed as Executive Committee Members, and the meeting held as an Executive Committee meeting. Once Councilmember Horland arrived, the Executive Committee meeting was convened.

II. Welcome and Approval of Council Agenda

Chair Geller motioned to approve the Agenda. Councilmember Lincoln moved the motion and Councilmember Caplan seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.

Chair Geller began the meeting by congratulating Councilmembers García and Lincoln on their recent appointments to two governmental boards. Governor Ron DeSantis recommended Councilmember García's appointment to serve on the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force. Councilmember Lincoln was appointed to the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) Florida Transportation Plan (FTP) Steering Committee.

Moment of Silence for Terese Manning

SFRPC Employee: October 6, 1997 to May 8, 2008

Executive Director Cosio Carballo recognized the recent passing of former SFRPC employee Terese (Terry) Manning. Terry worked at the SFRPC for over a decade from 1997 to 2008 in various capacities. Her positions included Development of Regional Impact Coordinator, Eastward Ho! Brownfields Partnership Coordinator, Brownfields RLF Project Manager, Project Manager for the Economic Development Administration grants, and Local Government Comprehensive reviewer. Terry most recently worked as a Policy and Planning Analyst for the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) before her retirement. Mrs. Cosio Carballo noted that Terry was a true professional and passionate about Brownfields, protection of sensitive ecosystems, and affordable housing. Mrs. Cosio Carballo asked Kimberly Brown from Miami-Dade County Office of Resilience if she had any words to share about Terry. Ms. Brown stated that she interacted with Terry when she was employed at the SFWMD and that she was always a consummate professional. Chair Geller asked for a moment of silence in memory of Terry.

III. Presentations (Time Certain: 11:15 AM)

Presentation: Priority Climate Action Plan

Kimberly Brown, AICP, Resilience Planning Director, Miami-Dade County Office of Resilience

Chair Geller introduced Ms. Brown and invited her to deliver her presentation on the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant. Ms. Brown stated that the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) is a two-staged program funded through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Planning Grant includes \$250 million for noncompetitive planning grants. The Southeast Florida Region (Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach) received \$1 million to create a regional greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction plan.

The first deliverable, a "priority" plan, was submitted to the EPA on March 1, 2024 and Miami-Dade County is serving as the lead organization. The Implementation Grant includes \$4.6 billion in competitive

implementation grants. Only projects identified in the Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) were eligible to compete for funding. Broward County is serving as the lead organization on a regional application.

The Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) is due to the EPA in August 2025. The Status Report is due to the EPA in August 2027, at the end of the grant period.

The PCAP serves as a regional GHG emissions reduction plan, which will reduce air pollution that is warming the planet, clean up the air, and provide important benefits to communities in the region, such as reduced energy bills, improved public health, and more jobs.

The PCAP focused on high-impact, implementation ready measures that could reduce GHG emissions through 2030. The measures were identified through surveys of all implementing agencies within the region as well as an analysis of high-impact measures. The PCAP identifies 13 broad GHG reduction measures (3 are tribe-specific). It shows expected GHG reductions under a low, medium and high adoption scenario.

The PCAP analysis found that the four-county region should reduce absolute emissions by at least 59.3% (± 41.5 million MT CO₂e) by 2030 from the 2019 baseline in order to meet GHG reduction targets established in the Paris Agreement. Under a business-as-usual (BAU) scenario, emissions are expected to drop 12.3% (± 8.6 million MTCO₂e) by 2030 and 22.8% (± 16 million MT CO₂e) by 2050. If all measures presented in the PCAP were to be implemented, it would result in the reduction of an additional ± 4.35 million MT CO₂e across the region by 2030 from the BAU scenario (moderate adoption scenario). CCAP will look at a more comprehensive list of reduction measures through 2050.

A partnership with the CLEO Institute was made to engage Low Income Disadvantaged Communities. The survey received 1,327 responses: 82% from target zip codes. A follow-up workshop with a select group of survey respondents allowed for more focused feedback. Financial incentives to improve housing conditions was the top housing priority in all four counties.

The PCAP positioned all local and tribal governments in the four-county region to apply for discretionary awards (\$4.6 billion in funding) through the EPA to implement mitigation measures that are identified in the Priority Climate Action Plan. Applications for competitive implementation grants were due to the EPA on April 1, 2024 (May 1, 2024 for tribal governments). The four-county region submitted an implementation grant application.

The Regional CPRG Implementation Application contained:

- \$200.5 million for a Residential Energy Efficiency Program
- \$51.85 million for a Solar Rebate Program
- \$18.3 million for an Electric Vehicle Rebate Program

EPA expects to award 30 to 115 grants ranging between \$2 million and \$500 million. There is no cost share requirement. All IRA funding has been allocated in Round 1. It will be extremely competitive. All eligible entities (state agencies, counties, municipalities) throughout the country can apply, except those that declined planning grant funding.

Chair Geller asked Ms. Brown and Dr. Jennifer Jurado from Broward County to work together and give a suggestion for a future SFRPC / Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) joint seminar topic dealing with resilience.

Update: C&SF Section 216 Flood Resiliency Study Coordination

Dr. Jennifer Jurado, Deputy Director and Chief Resilience Officer, Broward County Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department

Chair Geller introduced Dr. Jurado and invited her to deliver her update on the Central & Southern Florida Flood Risk Study.

Dr. Jurado began her update by stating that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has submitted a revised scope of work supporting the section 216 study. The scope of work was initially \$19.2 million. Across Miami-Dade and Broward Counties there are between 18 and 20 salinity control structures (gates on the primary canals) in total. The SFWMD estimated \$1.5 million per structure in order to satisfy new USACE engineering requirements. That would leave five structures unaddressed in Broward County and 11 structures unaddressed in Miami-Dade County.

A C&SF Structure Site Visit was held on April 23, 2024 at the S13 pump station in Broward County. Other meetings were held earlier in the day in Miami-Dade County. The pump station visit was organized by the state of Florida's Chief Resilience Officer, Dr. Wes Brooks. Other attendees included representatives from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Office of the Secretary and USACE Jacksonville, SFWMD Executive Director Drew Bartlett and District Resiliency Officer Dr. Ana Carolina Coelho Maran, Broward County officials including Chair Geller, and South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force Working Group Members. The outcome of the visit was an alignment in advocacy for expediency to achieve Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 2026 authorization. Dr. Jurado thanked Dr. Brooks, Chair Geller, Dr. Maran, and Major Cory Bell, USACE Deputy District Commander for South Florida, for their support and leadership.

Dr. Jurado noted that the USACE was asked to submit a revised scope of work within the next two weeks to Corps leadership. 2028 is now being referenced as a timeline for completion instead of 2026. On April 23rd the USACE notified Dr. Jurado it had completed the draft of the revised scope. Only four structures were included with no conceptual design for the remaining structures. The revised scope is now about \$15 million.

An approved Section 216 study scope is still being sought. The USACE is seeking further descoping, likely to be \$10 million and only two structures will be included. This is not aligned with what is required to do the work. Dr. Jurado stated she is not aware of the what the timeline will be for the next refinement, but it is presumably underway.

C&SF cost share funds were submitted as a Broward Commission priority at a budget workshop. The SFWMD has submitted internal budget request to aid county cost share and contracted with a modeling team to advance work. The USACE is pursuing internal funding at \$100,000. Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 appropriations requests were advanced by U.S. Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz. These include \$2 million for Section 216 and \$500,000 for the Comprehensive Study.

Chair Geller thanked Dr. Jurado for her update. He then recognized Dr. Maran from the SFWMD for further comments. Dr. Maran thanked Dr. Jurado for her update and stated that the SFWMD is working expeditiously with the Corps team to continue the ongoing study. She also thanked Miami-Dade County and Broward County for their support in this urgent project.

IV. Action Items

A. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Chair Geller motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes for March 18, 2024. Councilmember Lincoln moved the motion and Councilmember Caplan seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.

B. Financial Report

The Director of Finance and IT Leo Braslavsky Soldi presented the Financial Report in detail.

Mrs. Cosio Carballo asked Mr. Braslavsky Soldi if he could give an update on the audit process. Mr. Braslavsky Soldi stated that he is working on finishing the trial balance with the auditor and will contact her later today after the Council Meeting. He added that this is the third year of the SFRPC's transition from one financial model to a different financial model. By the end of next week the audit will be completed.

Chair Geller noted that the SFRPC is 58.33% through its fiscal year and asked what percent of the anticipated budget has been spent. Mr. Braslavsky Soldi responded that the SFRPC has spent 52% and the amended budget still needs to be presented. The SFRPC's directors and planners have increased their collection efforts so hopefully by the end of the fiscal year all grants will have been collected.

Chair Geller stated that he has spoken with the Broward County Administrator to confirm that the SFRPC's increase will be approved. He asked Mrs. Cosio Carballo if the SFRPC is expecting the support of Miami-Dade County. Mrs. Cosio Carballo responded that she does expect its support. Chair Geller believes Broward County's increase will be from 22 and a half cents to 25 cents as approved previously.

Chair Geller motioned to approve the Financial Report. Councilmember Horland moved the motion and Councilmember Lincoln seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.

C. Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews

Legal Counsel, Sam Goren, read the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews, Proposed.

Proposed:

- Broward County 24-01ESR
- Monroe County 24-02ACSC
- Village of Biscayne Park 24-01ESR
- City of Fort Lauderdale 24-01ESR
- City of Fort Lauderdale 24-02ESR
- City of Fort Lauderdale 24-03ESR
- City of Homestead 24-01ESR
- Islamorada, Village of Islands 24-01ACSC
- Islamorada, Village of Islands 24-02ACSC
- City of Margate 24-02ESR
- City of Pompano Beach 24-01ER
- City of Sunrise 24-01ESR

Public Hearing

Chair Geller opened the Public Hearing and asked if there were any comments or questions.

Public Comments

There were no comments or questions from the public in person or virtually.

Chair Geller motioned to approve the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments. Councilmember Caplan moved the motion and Councilmember Lincoln seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.

Legal Counsel, Sam Goren, read the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews, Adopted.

Adopted:

- Monroe County 23-04ACSC
- Monroe County 23-05ACSC
- City of Coral Gables 23-01ESR
- City of Dania Beach 23-01ESR
- City of Key West 23-03ACSC
- City of Miami 23-05ER

- North Bay Village 24-01ESR
- City of Parkland 24-01ESR

Public Hearing

Chair Geller opened the Public Hearing and asked if there were any comments or questions.

Public Comments

There were no comments or questions from the public in person or virtually.

Chair Geller motioned to approve the adopted Comprehensive Plan Amendments. Councilmember Horland moved the motion and Councilmember Caplan seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.

D. Regional Issues: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review

Mrs. Cosio Carballo stated that the SFRPC is working on a development of regional impact (DRI) review and coordinating the process for City Park in south Miami-Dade County. The SFRPC has moved to the next phase and is keeping Mr. Goren informed. SFRPC staff are currently working on the Agreement to Delete for the questioners to the applicant developer. This is a process that is done in partnership with all the commenting agencies including Miami-Dade County so analysis can be made for the regional report. Ms. Christina Miskis, MURP, AICP, Principal Planner stated that SFRPC staff are finalizing the Agreement to Delete this week and have received comments from the review agencies.

E. Traditional RLF – Cornerstone Paving Inc. (borrower) – Chapter 7 Bankruptcy – Principal Write Off Ratification

Mr. Jeff Tart, Senior Loan Officer and Manager of the Revolving Loan Fund Programs, stated that on December 14, 2023, the South Florida Regional Planning Council received a Chapter Bankruptcy Notification from Cornerstone Paving Inc, a minority owned business, which is 100% owned and operated by Glorious and Roosevelt Walker. Cornerstone Paving, Inc. was approved for their initial \$300,000 loan on November 9, 2006, (18 years ago) and has a current outstanding balance of approximately \$260,000. It should be noted, since loan inception, the borrower predominately repaid interest-only toward the loan despite numerous legal engagements to modify the terms and conditions to address principal repayments. As a result, the borrower repaid approximately \$209,000 over the full loan term; the majority applied to interest. Kerry Ezrol from Goren, Cherof, Doody & Ezrol, P.A. has been notified and will represent the SFRPC as legal counsel.

Cornerstone Paving Inc. was established as a Florida Corporation on February 19, 1999 and specialized in asphalt repair and maintenance services. The loan was utilized for equipment and vehicle acquisition as well as working capital to assist with growing a minority owned business in Broward County. Cornerstone Paving Inc. was previously operating at 2500 Hollywood Blvd in Hollywood, FL Suite 205 which is now vacated.

The SFRPC loan was secured with a perfected lien on all business assets however the bankruptcy trustee deemed no inherent value of the remaining assets as determined by an independent auction. Thus the SFRPC is not anticipated to recover any assets of value to reduce the outstanding principal. The remaining outstanding principal of \$260,365 will be subject to both an RLF and SFRPC board approved write-off. The RLF Board met on April 16, 2024 and approved the recommended write-off of the outstanding balance. The SFRPC loan administration team will continue to assist Goren, Cherof as needed throughout the bankruptcy proceedings.

Loan administration supports a write-off of the remaining outstanding principal balance of \$260,365 as a result of the termination and closure of the operating business and Chapter 7 Bankruptcy with no anticipated recoveries. Chair Geller asked Mr. Goren if he recommended ratifying the write-off. Mr. Goren replied that he recommended and concurred with recommendation of professional staff. He further stated that the RLF loan committee made its recommendation which is supported by the facts and the evidence and the legal conclusion.

Councilmember Caplan noted that the recommendation from the attorney for the estate included the prospect of selling collateral and splitting proceeds. Mr. Tart stated that the assets have no inherent value.

Chair Geller motioned to approve the principal write off ratification. Councilmember Horland moved the motion and Councilmember Caplan seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.

F. 2024 Council Meeting Topics

Mrs. Cosio Carballo stated that as Council Staff prepares for the remainder of this year's Council Meetings, they would like to receive input and guidance as to which topics the councilmembers would like to see addressed and guests they wish to interact with between now and November. Last November, the Council began a conversation about potential topics. At that time, potential topics brought up included mental health, general affordability, apprenticeship programs/job development, rail transportation instead of truck transportation, home insurance affordability, and quality of life. The SFRPC Regional Conference scheduled for May 31st will be focused on mental health and housing. Topics discussed at Council Meetings can be a steppingstone to a larger conversation at a conference or joint meeting.

Chair Geller recalled that over the past several years the SFRPC has been hosting an annual joint conference and annual joint meeting with the TCRPC. Recent topics have included solid waste disposal, recycling, water quality, property insurance, and First and Last Mile Connectivity. He also noted that a mayors' conference on affordable housing was convened.

Chair Geller stated that topics at a Council Meeting need to be of regional importance and the normal allotted time for guest speakers is 15-20 minutes. Councilmembers need to identify topics for the SFRPC annual conference, the SFRPC-TCRPC joint meeting, and the SFRPC-TCRPC joint conference.

Chair Geller shared that he has an ordinance pending before the Broward County Commission concerning battery disposal which came directly out of the SFRPC's joint meeting on recycling.

Councilmember Lincoln stated that Florida's Coral Reef are important to residents across the state's coastline. Monroe County is planting one million corals and working on coral fragmentations. Thanks to the state of Florida giving Monroe County \$10 million last year and \$5 million this year to develop an artificial reef program, the county has hired a coordinator to assist in this area. Councilmember Lincoln visited Washington, D.C. to advocate for more federal funding. She would like to see a meeting on coral reef restoration and water quality.

Chair Geller stated that there have been a lot of studies about Florida's Coral Reef and the SFRPC and TCRPC have led the state in this area. Councilmember Bailey agreed that Florida's Coral Reef is a very important topic to discuss in the future.

Councilmember Horland agreed with Councilmember Lincoln but also wanted to have a discussion on job apprenticeships, especially for college graduates who were not able to secure internships during the COVID-19 pandemic. She noted that members of the South Florida community are having a difficult time entering the job market and receiving training. Chair Geller invited Councilmember Horland to join an apprenticeship working group he has been a part of for the past six years. The working group meets quarterly and includes about 60-70 people.

Councilmember Caplan shared that a recent article in *The New York Times* discussed the connection between addiction and mental illness. He stated that there needs to be a forward-thinking discussion relating to the deviation from the criminal justice system into health intervention and it is not fully realized in South Florida yet. Chair Geller responded that this topic is a part of a larger mental health discussion. He noted that the largest provider of mental health treatment in Broward County is the county jail system. He stated this is more expensive and less effective and there needs to be more work on diverting some of those funds to treating individuals in advance.

Public Hearing

Chair Geller opened the Public Hearing and asked if there were any comments or questions.

Public Comments

There were no comments or questions from the public in person or virtually.

V. Program Reports and Activities

A. SFRPC Revolving Loan Funds Status Report

B. SFRPC CARES Act RLF Status Report

Mr. Jeff Tart, Senior Loan Officer and Manager of the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Programs stated that the CARES ACT RLF program, to date, has provided \$7.78 million to 36 businesses, continues to perform well, and is an “A” rated program by the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) per their 2023 annual review. All 36 borrowers are in good standing and current. At our most current RLF board meeting on April 16, the RLF board approved a new \$115,000 modification increase to Always Keep Progressing, a Miami-based children’s physical therapy clinic, to assist with the opening of their third clinic adjacent to HCA Florida Mercy Hospital to provide services for up to an additional 300 clients. The SFRPC has been an integral part in helping support the growth and expansion of Always Keep Progressing. The additional loan funds will enable Always Keep Progressing to serve clients in the nearby areas of Little Havana, Westchester, South Miami, Coral Gables, and Kendall.

The traditional RLF program, to date, has provided \$5.70 million to 28 businesses. Staff continues to actively network and reach out to prospective small businesses in the region. The RLF administration team in conjunction with the Clean Cities director are planning to host a webinar in October with a focus on providing financial and technical resources to small businesses that support the Clean Cities initiative of promoting more electric vehicles in South Florida to reduce the carbon footprint.

The RLF administration team has encountered an increase in small businesses facing financial challenges as a result of higher operating costs, interest rates and vendor/supply side challenges. Goren, Cherof, Doody & Ezrol, P.A., the SFRPC’s legal counsel, continues to represent the SFRPC in the ongoing collection efforts related to Angela Dawson, P.A. The SFRPC is awaiting Judge Martin Bidwill’s decision on the SFRPC’s motion for summary judgment in June 2024.

The Southeast Florida Community Development Fund board approved a new \$1 million loan to Minority Builders Coalition to support the construction financing of four new affordable single-family homes in the Washington Park and Roosevelt Gardens sections of Fourt Lauderdale as part of the Broward County In-Fill lot development program. To date, the SFRPC’s affordable housing initiative has resulted in the construction of 33 single-family affordable homes to qualified and eligible homebuyers earning less than 120% of the average median income (\$80,640 in Broward County).

In regards to the SFRPC’s Brownfields Initiative, the SFRPC is working with the EPA to secure up to an additional \$3.5 million in supplemental funding to help address the cleanup of the former public works site in Hollywood, Florida into affordable housing and commercial space. This supplemental funding would also address the contaminated cleanup of Claude Pepper Park in North Miami. The SFRPC looks forward to the announcement of new grant recipients over the next few weeks. The EPA has recognized the Brownfields assessment and remediation successes by the SFRPC with past and present projects including 79th Street Corridor Initiative, Miami Health District, Homestead, Malibu Bay, Dedicated Transportation and Carver Square.

Chair Geller noted that the community gets the “most bang for the buck” in terms of affordable housing when large rental buildings are done. However, as a matter of policy he noted that it is also important to

build single family homes to create generational wealth so there has to be a balance between the two. Chair Geller stated that Mr. Tart was doing a very good job in that area.

Chair Geller noted that since the SFRPC is not a banking institution it should be expected to have a slightly higher failure rate when it comes to its loan program. He asked Mrs. Cosio Carballo if any other regional planning councils in Florida have a similar loan program. She replied that Apalachee Regional Planning Council (ARPC) has one, but it is a very small portfolio. She noted that the SFRPC loan program has been in place for 25 years. Chair Geller stated it is fair to say that the SFRPC loan program is the largest and the most successful program when compared to the other regional planning councils.

Chair Geller asked if the CARES ACT RLF will eventually merge with the regular RLF since the SFRPC is not receiving any more money from the CARES ACT. Mrs. Cosio Carballo replied that she did not expect the funds to merge particularly since the legacy RLF fund was defederalized and sent over to the SFRPC. She added that one might expect after some lengthy period of time the CARES ACT RLF may be defederalized. She thanked Mr. Tart and Mr. Steve Foreman, EDA CARES RLF Administrator, for their work as well as Councilmembers Goldberg and Kaufman for their service on the RLF board.

Councilmember Caplan asked Mr. Tart if the state of Florida's Live Local Act benchmark of 120% of average family income is the same standard used by Council staff. Mr. Tart replied affirmatively that with regards to affordable housing it is the same standard of 120% or less. He added that it depends on municipalities and covenants and that some of the homes are 80% or less. Mr. Tart stated that there is a challenge of finding a first-time minority homebuyer that qualifies based upon Broward County's income limits of 80% or less.

Chair Geller noted that in Broward County the typical subsidy is approximately \$50,000 - \$60,000 if rentals are being built and \$100,000 if single family homes are being built.

Councilmember Lincoln asked Mr. Tart if a Brownfield project was being built in Key West. Mr. Tart responded that the SFRPC is in the midst of working with the EPA on Middle Torch Key. The land was deeded over to Habitat for Humanity and they were looking to assess and remediate the land. They started to many years ago but there are challenges because it is contaminated and was once a public dump site.

C. SFRPC Regional Conference

Mrs. Cosio Carballo reminded Council Members of the upcoming SFRPC annual regional conference on May 31, 2024 at Nova Southeastern University. Many great speakers have given their time to participate, and a lot of planning has been going on in the months leading up to the event. She encouraged Council Members to attend if they are able to. She thanked Ms. Eralda Agolli, Community & Economic Development Program Manager, for her work along with Mr. Randy Deshazo, Deputy Director. Ms. Kathe Lerch, Director of Administration, and Mr. Alexander Santana, Administrative Coordinator, will reach out to Council Members regarding registration. About 165 people are registered as of today and about 30

more people can be registered. A total of 200 people is the preferred limit. Councilmember Horland will bring up the conference at the upcoming City of Plantation council meeting. Staff from the offices of Chair Geller and Councilmember Garcia are assisting with inviting elected officials from both counties. Chair Geller stated that the conference has a wonderful program and is an example of why the SFRPC is relevant and important in regional planning.

D. SFRPC / TCRPC March 15th Joint Meeting Update

Mrs. Cosio Carballo stated that the SFRPC / TCRPC March 15th joint meeting in West Palm Beach was a success and thanked Councilmembers Lincoln, Garcia, and Caplan for attending. She thanked Mr. Alexander Santana, Administrative Coordinator, for making sure all meeting presentations and documents are available on the SFRPC website. Activities during the joint meeting included a welcome and briefing from Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency (TPA) Executive Director Valerie Neilson, a presentation from South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) Executive Director David Dech, a robust conversation on property insurance, and a legislative panel. Mrs. Cosio Carballo also noted that Chair Geller and Deputy Director Randy Deshazo wrote a policy paper on U.S. Congressman Jared Moskowitz's proposed property insurance bill, H.R. 3525. Chair Geller thanked Mr. Deshazo for his research and contribution to the policy paper.

E. Council Highlights

Mrs. Cosio Carballo reflected on the SFRPC's latest activities in recent months. In addition to the joint meeting with the TCRPC, the SFRPC held a successful Council Meeting at the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) on March 18th and heard presentations on an agricultural land use study developed by Miami-Dade County Regulatory and Economic Resources (RER) as well as a flood response plan from Miami-Dade County Department of Emergency Management.

Council staff has been busy preparing grant applications to Florida Commerce for community planning technical assistance. This assistance will allow the SFRPC to update the Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP). An application for Resilient Florida funding to create a regional inventory was submitted to DEP and approved.

A successful meeting of the SFRPC / TCRPC Florida's Coral Reef Work Group was held on April 15th. The Work Group received an extensive update from DEP representatives Joanna Walczak and Mollie Cordo. Councilmember Lincoln, Councilmember Furr, Monroe County Mayor Holly Merrill Raschein, and Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava were in attendance. Mrs. Cosio Carballo thanked Ms. Hailey Lazzaroni, Regional Planner, for her work. Council staff are following up with next steps.

Mrs. Cosio Carballo visited Monroe County last week to update the County Commission on the Military Installation Resilience Review (MIRR) full report. In the last five weeks several meetings have been held with military installation partners. On April 17th, the SFRPC held a project implementation meeting with the South Florida Ocean Measurement Facility (SFOMF), located in Dania Beach. On May 2nd and May 3rd,

the SFRPC held project implementation meetings in Doral and Homestead respectively with military installation personnel and local government stakeholders regarding U.S. Army Garrison-Miami (USAG) / U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) and Homestead Air Reserve Base (HARB). These meetings were held with the Installation partners and in partnership with regional stakeholders including Broward and Miami-Dade counties; the cities of Dania Beach, Hollywood, Doral, and Homestead; Florida Department of Transportation Districts 4 and 6; the Miami-Dade TPO; the South Florida Defense Alliance; Florida Power & Light; and the U.S. Department of Defense Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC), among others.

The SFRPC is seeking additional funding from the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) since the funds for the MIRR study have been spent. The implementation meetings used Council dues to ensure momentum was maintained and to keep up with upcoming grants.

VI. Discussion Items

A. Executive Director's Report

Item V.E. Council Highlights coincided with the Executive Director's Report.

B. Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Goren did not have any legal updates for the Council.

C. Council Members Report

Councilmember Lincoln thanked Mrs. Cosio Carballo and Ms. Miskis for the wonderful presentation they gave to the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners on May 15th regarding the MIRR full report. The presentation was very comprehensive and well received by the Board, including Mayor Pro Tem Jim Scholl, former Commanding Officer of Naval Air Station (NAS) Key West.

D. Ex-Officio Report

Ex-officios did not have any updates for the Council.

VII. Announcements and Attachments

A. Attendance Form

B. Correspondence and Articles

C. Upcoming Meetings

- 1) Friday, May 31, 2024, SFRPC Regional Conference "Closing the Gaps: Supporting Mental Health through a Continuum of Housing and Supportive Services" (Nova Southeastern University, Davie)
- 2) Monday, June 17, 2024, 10:30 a.m. (SFRPC)

- 3) 3) Monday, July 15, 2024, 10:30 a.m. (SFRPC)
- 4) 4) August, No meeting

VIII. Adjournment

Chair Geller adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

This signature is to attest that the undersigned is the Secretary of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL and that the information provided herein is the true and correct minutes for the May 20, 2024, meeting of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL adopted on the 15th day of July 2024.

Denise Horland, Secretary
Commissioner, City of Plantation

Date



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #IV.B

DATE: JULY 15, 2024
TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: STAFF
SUBJECT: FINANCIAL REPORT AND AMENDED BUDGET FY23-24

Attached is a Financial Report comparing the months of April through June 2024 for your review and approval. Also attached is the Amended Budget for FY23-24.

Recommendation

Approve the Financial Report and Amended Budget for FY23-24



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**SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET**

June 30, 2024

(unaudited)

	April	May	June	Increase (Decrease)
<u>General Fund</u>				
Assets:				
Cash GF	1,883,452	1,779,965	1,731,627	(48,338)
SBA - Investment Account	12,230	12,287	12,343	55
Accounts Receivable	17,157	17,157	10,077	(7,080)
Due From Other Funds	34,814	39,242	29,564	(9,679)
Prepaid Expenses	15,477	15,477	15,477	-
Total Assets	1,963,130	1,864,128	1,799,087	(65,041)
Liabilities and Fund Balance:				
Liabilities	(943)	(2,910)	(2,910)	-
Fund Balance	1,964,073	1,867,038	1,801,997	(65,041)
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	1,963,130	1,864,128	1,799,087	(65,041)
<u>Federal, State & Local</u>				
Assets:				
Accounts Receivable	136,079	170,138	128,319	(41,819)
Total Assets	136,079	170,138	128,319	(41,819)
Liabilities and Fund Balance:				
Liabilities	159	1,197	5,064	3,867
Fund Balance	135,920	168,941	123,255	(45,686)
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	136,079	170,138	128,319	(41,819)
<u>Revolving Loan Funds</u>				
Assets:				
Cash RLF	2,723,838	2,768,705	2,824,486	55,781
Accounts Receivable	10,497,320	10,196,282	10,146,665	(49,617)
Allowance for Loan Losses	(1,067,123)	(1,067,123)	(1,067,123)	-
Total Assets	12,154,036	11,897,864	11,904,028	6,164
Liabilities and Fund Balance:				
Liabilities	65	65	65	-
Due To Other Funds	34,814	39,242	29,564	(9,679)
Fund Balance	12,119,156	11,858,556	11,874,399	15,843
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	12,154,036	11,897,864	11,904,028	6,164
<u>Southeast Florida Regional Prosperity Institute</u>				
Assets:				
Cash	49,354	49,523	49,691	167
Receivables	-	-	2,500	2,500
Total Assets	49,354	49,523	52,191	2,667
Liabilities and Fund Balance:				
Liabilities	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance	49,354	49,523	52,191	2,667
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	49,354	49,523	52,191	2,667

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

June 30, 2024
(unaudited)

<u>Description</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>Fiscal to Date</u>	<u>% Realized</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>	<u>Remaining Budget</u>
<u>REVENUE REPORT</u>								
Membership Dues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,099,870	100%	\$ 1,099,870	36%	\$ -
Interest & Other Income	7,478	7,212	6,747	71,822	144%	50,000	2%	(21,822)
Federal Funded Projects	64,028	119,467	51,739	865,284	125%	691,746	23%	(173,538)
State Funded Projects	-	20,790	-	46,970	60%	78,021	3%	31,051
Local Funded Projects	27,027	27,908	26,635	173,948	66%	262,000	9%	88,052
Trust Funds	43,741	40,609	49,358	701,804	80%	882,000	29%	180,196
TOTAL Revenues	142,273	215,986	134,479	2,959,698	97%	3,063,637	100%	103,939
<u>EXPENSE REPORT</u>								
<u>Operating Expenses</u>								
Staff Compensation	\$ 137,710	\$ 203,682	\$ 137,589	\$ 1,369,896	68%	\$ 2,027,339	66%	\$ 657,443
Occupancy	8,711	8,711	8,711	87,465	87%	100,000	3%	12,535
Utilities Electric/Sanitation	455	473	597	4,301	72%	6,000	0%	1,699
Janitorial Services	777	1,126	777	5,788	64%	9,000	0%	3,212
Repairs & Maintenance	-	-	-	566	9%	6,000	0%	5,434
Storage	-	1,016	508	4,532	65%	7,000	0%	2,468
Office Automation	5,188	3,727	4,519	51,045	93%	55,000	2%	3,955
Advertising, Notices, Supplies, Postage & PR	2,410	9,437	2,268	47,671	94%	50,500	2%	2,829
Travel	40	559	153	5,918	59%	10,000	0%	4,082
Professional Development	5,125	-	-	11,619	33%	35,000	1%	23,381
Insurance	10,429	-	10,429	35,378	84%	42,000	1%	6,623
Miscellaneous Expenses	-	-	-	-	0%	1,000	0%	1,000
Legal Services (1)	3,914	727	-	26,273	58%	45,000	1%	18,727
Financial Services	567	222	176	2,179	3%	62,500	2%	60,321
Professional Consultants	2,900	-	-	11,020	44%	25,000	1%	13,980
Capital Expenditures	-	-	-	-	0%	25,000	1%	25,000
Subtotal Operating Expenses	178,226	229,681	165,727	1,663,650	66%	2,506,339	82%	842,689
Pass Through Expenses:	50,478	67,468	55,257	877,753	109%	806,313	26%	(71,440)
TOTAL Expenses	228,705	297,148	220,984	2,541,403	77%	3,312,652	108%	771,249
<u>OTHER REVENUES (Expenses)</u>								
Bad Debt- RLF Programs	-	260,365	-	260,365				
Excess (deficit) Revenues over Expenditures	\$ (86,431)	\$ (341,527)	\$ (86,505)	\$ 157,930		\$ (249,015)	-8%	
(1) Additional legal YTD expenses included in "pass-through Expenses"				\$ 50,452				
<i>Note: Percentage of Fiscal Year lapsed</i>				75.00%				



South Florida Regional Planning Council
Budget for
FY 2023-24

		2024	2024
		FY 2023-24 ADOPTED BUDGET	FY 2023-24 AMENDED BUDGET
REVENUES			
GENERAL FUND		\$1,149,870	\$1,200,356
Membership Dues		\$ 1,099,870	\$ 1,099,870
Interest & Other Income		50,000	100,486
Local Funded Projects		262,000	378,269
	Miami Dade TPO	50,000	50,000
	SFRTA - Land Use Transportation	100,000	100,000
	FDOT District 6 Prof Services	50,000	50,000
	Southeast Florida Community Development Fund, Inc.	62,000	62,500
	Economic Forecasting Partnership	-	8,400
	Southeast Florida Regional Prosperity Institute	-	11,869
	Dania Beach Vulnerability Assessment	-	95,500
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	1,411,870	1,578,625
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			
Federal Funded Projects		692,767	1,012,335
	EDA/EDD CEDS	52,500	79,838
	DHS/SHSGP Analysts	87,360	99,770
	DHS/UASI Analysts	196,705	178,809
	DHS/UASI Metadata	7,500	272,617
	FDEM/HMEP - Planning, Oct-Sept	20,000	9,077
	FDEM/HMEP - Training, Oct-Sept	64,480	53,198
	FDEM/Monroe Has 0722/06/23	1,021	1,021
	DOD/Resiliency Planning	166,201	167,480
	DOE- Clean Cities	97,000	150,525
	EPA Coalition Assesment Grant		
State Funded Projects		77,000	165,000
	FDEM/LEPC Staff	77,000	77,000
	FDEP Regional Resilience		88,000
Trust Funds		882,000	882,000
	EDA-Consolidated RLF	191,000	191,000
	EDA-RLF CARES Act	217,000	217,000
	BROWNFIELDS RLF	74,000	74,000
	EPA BROWNFIELDS HOMESTEAD	350,000	350,000
	EPA BROWNFIELDS RLF II	50,000	50,000
	TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	1,651,767	2,059,335
TOTAL Revenues		\$ 3,063,637	\$ 3,637,960

 South Florida Regional Planning Council South Florida Regional Planning Council <i>Proudly serving South Florida since 1974</i>		Budget for FY 2023-24		2024	2024
EXPENDITURES		FY 2023-24 ADOPTED BUDGET	FY 2023-24 AMENDED BUDGET		
Capital Expenditures:					
	Equipment	\$ 15,000	\$ -		
	Leasehold Improvement- Soft costs	10,000	-		
	Leasehold Improvement- Hard costs (net of landlord credit)	-	-		
	Subtotal	25,000	-		
Core Operating Expenses (Allocated):					
	Salary	1,188,011	1,172,423		
	Leave	220,782	215,565		
	Fringe Benefits	618,546	610,968		
	Janitorial Services	9,000	7,800		
	Legal Services	45,000	45,000		
	Financial Services	62,500	62,500		
	Professional Consultants	25,000	14,000		
	Travel	10,000	8,000		
	Miscellaneous Expenses	1,000	1,000		
	Printing, Advertising, Notices	31,000	35,000		
	Supplies	13,500	15,500		
	Professional Development	35,000	16,000		
	Occupancy	100,000	115,000		
	Utilities Electric/Sanitation	6,000	5,730		
	Repairs & Maintenance	6,000	1,200		
	Council Reserve Fund	(249,015)	624		
	Storage	7,000	6,050		
	Office Automation	55,000	68,000		
	Communication, Postage	6,000	7,500		
	Insurance	42,000	43,000		
	Subtotal	2,232,324	2,450,860		
Pass-through Expenses					
	Legal Services	43,851	55,000		
	Financial Services	800	700		
	Professional Consultants	445,178	586,000		
	PBSO Analyst Salary & Fringe	265,058	501,000		
	Travel	38,309	35,000		
	Miscellaneous Expenses	-	-		
	Printing, Advertising, Notices	300	3,500		
	Supplies	8,017	500		
	Professional Development	3,400	1,500		
	Office Automation		1,500		
	Communication, Postage	100	400		
	Insurance	1,300	2,000		
	Reimbursement from Borrower	-	-		
	Subtotal	806,313	1,187,100		
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,063,637	3,637,960		
	Increase in Fund Balance Reserve	\$ -	\$ -		



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #IV.C

DATE: JULY 15, 2024

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (LGCP) PROPOSED AND ADOPTED
AMENDMENT CONSENT AGENDA

Pursuant to the 1974 Interlocal Agreement creating the South Florida Regional Planning Council (Council), the Council is directed by its member counties to “assure the orderly, economic, and balanced growth and development of the Region, consistent with the protection of natural resources and environment of the Region and to protect the health, safety, welfare, and quality of life of the residents of the Region.”

In fulfillment of the Interlocal Agreement directive and its duties under State law, the Council reviews local government Comprehensive Plan amendments for consistency with the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida (SRPP)*. Pursuant to Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes as presently in effect, Council review of comprehensive plan amendments is limited to 1) adverse effects on regional resources and facilities identified in the SRPP and 2) extra-jurisdictional impacts that would be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan of any affected local government within the Region. The Council’s review of amendments is conducted in two stages: (1) proposed or transmittal and (2) adoption. Council staff reviews the contents of the amendment package once the Department of Economic Opportunity certifies its completeness.

A written report of the Council’s evaluation pursuant to Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, is to be provided to the local government and the State Land Planning Agency within 30 calendar days of receipt of the amendment.

Recommendation

Find the proposed and adopted plan amendments from the local governments listed as not causing adverse impact to state or regional resources/facilities and without extra-jurisdictional impacts that would be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan of any affected local government within the Region.

Approve this report for transmittal to the local governments with a copy to the State Land Planning



Agency.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

- **Broward County 24-02ESR**

(PCT 24-2) Amends text to expand Broward County Land Use Plan Policy 2.16.4 “Affordable Housing” to include Commerce designated lands within one-half mile of passenger rail stations as a qualifying area for multi-family residential use.

(PC 24-3) Amends the Broward County Land Use Plan for the City of Margate, a property comprising of approximately 104.4 acres; generally located on the west side of Northwest 76 Avenue, between Margate Boulevard and Atlantic Boulevard. The land use change would be from a Dashed-Line area consisting of 77.9 acres of Irregular Residential, 21.3 acres of Recreation and Open Space, and 5.2 acres of Commerce to a Dashed-Line Area consisting of 97.5 acres of Irregular Residential, 1.7 acres of Recreation and Open Space, and 5.2 acres of Commerce.

- **Broward County 24-03ESR**

(PCT 24-1) Amends text of the Broward County Land Use Plan to revise the “Implementation Requirements and Procedures” Section to enhance and streamline the Community and Regional Parks and Implementation Regulations and Procedures subsections to support the County’s diverse natural ecosystems, parks system, and world-class recreational facilities.

- **Islamorada, Village of Islands 24-03ACSC**

Amends the Future Land Use Map from Conservation (C) to Mixed Use (MU) for a property comprising of approximately 1.74 acres located on Lower Matecumbe Key, at the request of the applicant, Sojourn South LLC.

- **City of Lauderdale Lakes 24-01ER**

Updates the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) based amendments to include the new statutory requirements to reflect a minimum planning period of at least 10 and 20 years and to conform with the Broward County Planning Council Staff Provisional Recertification Report. These amendments also update the Future Land Use Map.

- **Town of Southwest Ranches 24-01ESR**

Updates the Five-Year Schedule of Capital Improvements within its Comprehensive Plan required by Florida Statutes.

- **City of Sweetwater 24-01ESR**

Amends the text amendment to the Future Land Use Element updating specific density incentives for projects that address the housing needs of the elderly, active-duty military and/or veterans, and workforce population.

ADOPTED AMENDMENTS

- **Monroe County 24-01ACSC**

Amends the Monroe County Future Land Use Map Designation from Residential High (RH) to Mixed Use/Commercial (MC) located at 6633 Maloney Avenue and vacant property on Maloney Ave, Stock Island Mile Marker 5, legally described as Lots 3 and 4, Waters Edge.

- **City of Coconut Creek 24-01ER***

Amends the City's Comprehensive Plan with EAR-based amendments, including the Public School Facilities and Property Rights Elements. Council staff encourages the City to follow the Department of Commerce's comments for potential future amendments.

- **City of Sunrise 24-01ESR**

Amends the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) for property generally located south of Northwest 30 Place, between Aragon Boulevard and East Sunrise Lakes Drive (Sunrise Country Club). The proposed amendment will change the Land Use Plan Map for the subject property from the Commercial Recreation, Low-Medium (10) Residential, and Medium-High (25) Residential FLUM designations to Commercial Recreation and Irregular (9 DU/AC) Residential designations for an approximately 103-acre site.

- **City of Tamarac 24-01ESR**

Amends the land use designation of 109.93 acres from Commercial Recreation (CR) to Recreation (R) to facilitate the preservation of land for Community Recreation and Open Space and satisfy Condition 1.A of Broward County Land Use Plan Amendment PC20-2.

*Property Rights Amendment

** **Staff Note:** Due to the different time requirements for Agencies' responses, some comments may not have been received. Of the Agencies that have submitted comments, those comments do not reflect potential adverse regional or extra-jurisdictional impacts.

No concerns or technical assistance comments reflecting potential adverse regional or extra-jurisdictional impacts were received from local governments or partner agencies.



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #IV.E

DATE: JULY 15, 2024
TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: STAFF
SUBJECT: FY 2022-23 ANNUAL AUDIT

Please find herewith the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended September 30, 2023. Tanya I. Davis, CPA, Partner, S. Davis & Associates will present the Audit at the Council Meeting.

Recommendation

Approve the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended September 30, 2023.



SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

**SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Council Members of the
South Florida Regional Planning Council

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component unit and each major fund of the South Florida Regional Planning Council (the "Council") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Council's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Council, as of September 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Council, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Notes 1 and 6 to the basic financial statements, the Council adopted the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 87, Leases. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Council's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Council's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 through 9, budgetary comparison information on pages 32 through 36, and schedules of pension information on pages 37 through 40 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the

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information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Council's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 30, 2024, on our consideration of the Council's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Council's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Hollywood, Florida
June 30, 2024

**SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

This section of the South Florida Regional Planning Council's (the Council) financial statements presents management's analysis of the Council's financial performance during the year ended September 30, 2023. It is presented to enhance the usefulness of the Council's basic financial statements. Please read this narrative in conjunction with the financial statements, which follow this section.

Financial Highlights

- The assets and deferred outflows of the Council as reported in the government-wide financial statements exceeded the liabilities and deferred inflows as of September 30, 2023, by \$11,801,574 (net position). This amount represents an increase of \$5,611,936 as compared to a decrease of \$983,324 the prior year. This increase was mainly due to the decrease in unearned revenue in the Revolving Loan Funds of \$5,530,025 and an increase in loans receivable of \$280,597.
- The General Fund unassigned fund balance as of September 30, 2023, amounts to \$1,348,473 as compared to \$1,182,253 at the end of the previous year. This represents an increase of \$166,220 that was mainly due to the increase in cash and cash equivalents and the increase in contracts and grants receivable.
- As of fiscal year 2021, the South Florida Regional Planning Council (the Council) is partnering with the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration to oversee and administer a new \$5.9 million CARES Act Business Revolving Loan Fund program that is alleviating sudden and severe economic dislocation caused by the coronavirus in Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties.
- In 2022, the U.S. Department of Defense Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation awarded the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC) \$1.1 million to conduct a regional Military Installation Resilience Review (MIRR) of four key military installations. The Council, with its consultant team consisting of the South Florida Defense Alliance and Jacobs, and with the assistance of the counties, adjacent municipalities, and military installations studied "outside the gate" resilience issues facing: Homestead Air Reserve Base (HARB), Miami-Dade County; United States Army Garrison-Miami (USAG-Miami), Miami-Dade County; US Naval Surface War Center South Florida Ocean Measurement Facility (SFOMF), Broward County; and United States Naval Air Station Key West (NASKW), Monroe County.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The Council's basic financial statements consist of 1) *government-wide statements*, 2) *fund financial statements*, and 3) *notes to the financial statements*. Required supplementary information is also included in the report.

Required Basic Financial Statements

The Council utilizes governmental funds for its financial reporting purposes. As the Council presents financial information using the governmental funds, the Council has elected to present its government-wide statements and fund statements in one set of statements with an adjusting column reconciling the two sets of statements.

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Overview of the Financial Statements (cont'd)

Required Basic Financial Statements (cont'd)

The *government-wide financial* statements include the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, which provide information about the activities of the Council and present a longer-term view of the Council's finances. These two statements report the net position of the Council and changes in them.

You can think of the Council's net position - the difference between assets and deferred outflows minus liabilities and deferred inflows - as one way to measure financial health or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Council is improving or deteriorating. However, to assess the overall financial position of the Council, you will need to consider other non-financial factors, such as the condition of the Council's capital assets, the addition or termination of grants and other revenue sources, and the expansion or contraction of programs and services. The Council reports this information using the accounting methods similar to those used by private sector companies. These statements offer short-term and long-term financial information about its activities. The statement of net position includes all the Council's assets and deferred outflows minus liabilities and deferred inflows and provides information about the nature and amounts of investments in resources (assets) and the obligations to Council creditors (liabilities).

All the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities. This statement presents information showing how the Council's net position changes during the fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in the statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (for example, uncollected contract and grant revenues, and earned, but unused vacation leave).

Both the *statement of net position* and the *statement of activities* of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the Council that are supported by membership assessments, planning projects (federal, state, and local grants/contracts), and revolving loan portfolios.

The Council's activities include administration functions and long-range regional planning goals, and various revolving loan program service functions. The long-range regional planning goal's function is comprised of a wide array of services including strategic plan development and comprehensive plan review, development of regional impact review and providing technical assistance and expertise in several fields including transportation, economic development, geographic information services, affordable housing, emergency preparedness, land use, and natural resources planning. All activities of the Council are governmental activities.

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements tell how the Council's services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The Council utilizes three funds to account for its activities: the general fund, special revenue planning projects fund, and revolving loan funds. The general fund is used to account for all financial resources except those determined to be accounted for in another fund.

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Overview of the Financial Statements (cont'd)

Fund Financial Statements (cont'd)

The Special Revenue Fund is used to account for revenues derived from specific sources, which are usually required by law or regulation to be accounted for in separate funds. As of September 30, 2023, the Planning Projects Fund and the Revolving Loan Funds including the EDA Consolidated Fund and the EPA Brownfield revolving loan fund, are special revenue funds. The SFRPI Fund reports the financial activity for the Southeast Florida Regional Prosperity Institute, Inc. ("SFRPI"), a component unit of the Council, and is reported as a fund for financial statement purposes. The fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the Council's operations and the basic services it provides.

Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Council's operations. We describe the relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities) and governmental funds in a reconciliation as discussed above.

The notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential for a full understanding of the information provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Financial Analysis

Government-Wide Analysis

The government-wide statements report the Council's net position and how they have changed. Table A-1 presents the net position of the Council which measures the Council's financial health, or position. Our analysis and a summary of the Council's statements of net position is presented in Table A-1.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

Financial Analysis (cont'd)

Government-Wide Analysis (cont'd)

Table A-1

**Condensed Statement of Net Position
(in thousands of dollars)**

	RESTATED	
	2023	2022
Current assets, net of loans receivable	\$ 3,652	\$ 3,814
Loans receivable, net	9,807	9,526
Capital assets, net of depreciation	78	98
Right of use lease assets, net of amortization	500	572
Non-current assets	15	15
Total assets	14,052	14,025
Deferred outflows	829	871
Current liabilities	235	5,821
Non-current liabilities	1,324	1,247
Lease Liability	500	572
Total liabilities	2,058	7,640
Deferred inflows	1,021	1,060
Net position:		
Net investment in capital assets	78	98
Restricted	11,329	6,204
Deficiency in net assets/unrestricted	395	(106)
Total net position	\$ 11,802	\$6,196

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the Council's financial position. As of September 30, 2023 and 2022, the Council's total assets and deferred outflows exceeded its total liabilities and deferred inflows by \$11,801,574 and \$6,195,779, respectively, an increase of \$5,605,795 from 2022. This increase was mainly due to the decrease in unearned revenue in the Revolving Loan Funds of \$5,530,025 and an increase in restricted assets of \$5,125,252 mainly related to the RLF CARES program.

Unrestricted net position as of September 30, 2023 and 2022 was \$394,927 and (\$106,031), respectively. The surplus in unrestricted net position is principally attributable to the change in deferred outflows related to pension liabilities as of September 30, 2023.

Restricted net position increased by \$5,125,252 or 82.62% to \$11,329,014. This increase was mainly due to the recognition of unearned revenues from prior years and the excess Revolving Loan Fund revenues over expenditures during the fiscal year.

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Financial Analysis (cont'd)

Government-Wide Analysis (cont'd)

Table A-2 illustrates the revenues and expenses that caused the change in the Council's total net position.

Table A-2

Condensed Statement of Activities (in thousands of dollars)

	2023	RESTATED	2022
REVENUES			
Membership assessments	\$ 971	\$	877
Federal, state and local grants	7,387		1,674
D.R.I. fees	-		-
Interest	505		414
Other Income	134		50
Total Revenues	8,997		3,015
EXPENDITURES			
Comprehensive planning:			
Personnel services	1,548		1,365
Operating expenses	546		959
Outside consultant expense	965		276
Depreciation and amortization	93		20
Bad debt expense	239		26
	3,391		2,712
Change in net position	5,606		303
Change in net position - Pension, net			(1,289)
Prior period adjustment	-		69
Loan Fund, restricted			
Net position, beginning of year	6,196		7,179
Net position, end of year	\$ 11,802	\$	6,196

In 2023, total revenues of \$8,996,569 increased by \$5,981,996 as compared to fiscal year 2022 as unearned revenue from the prior year was recognized during the current fiscal year.

Total expenditures of \$3,388,884 for the year ended September 30, 2023, represents an increase of \$677,183 from the prior year, mainly influenced by an increase in the utilization of outside consultants, offsetting the decrease in operating expenses.

**SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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Financial Analysis (cont'd)

Government-Wide Analysis (cont'd)

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

For the years ended September 30, 2023, and 2022, the Council had \$77,633 and \$98,048 in fixed assets, respectively, net of accumulated depreciation.

The Council has implemented GASB 87 to reflect the right of use lease assets and its related lease liability and has restated the 2022 financial statements to reflect this. The Council does not have any long-term debt related to its capital assets and does not utilize debt as a matter of policy.

Individual Fund Analysis

Since the Council only has governmental funds/activities, the explanations provided above for the Statement of Activities regarding changes in net position also substantially explain the change in fund balance as shown on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The original budgets were approved at the September 2022 Council meeting. There was an approved amendment, thereafter.

Economic Factors and the Budget

The Council's grants and contracts are contingent upon its renewal and its ability to obtain new grants and, therefore, its revenues may vary from year to year. In setting its budget for fiscal year 2023, various factors, such as delivering at least the same level of expertise by increasing capacity, and adding new programs and grants were considered.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Council's finances for all those with interest in its financial position. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the Executive Director, South Florida Regional Planning Council, 1 Oakwood Boulevard, Suite 250, Hollywood, Florida.

**SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
BALANCE SHEET/STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

	Major Funds					Total Funds	Adjustments	Statement of Net Position
	Planning		Revolving Loan Funds		SFRPI			
	General Fund	Projects Fund	EDA	Other	Fund			
ASSETS								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,368,984	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41,266	\$ 1,410,250	\$ -	\$ 1,410,250
Investments	11,840	-	-	-	-	11,840	-	11,840
Receivables								
Contract and grant receivables	109,363	72,947	-	-	2,500	184,810	-	184,810
Deposits and other assets	15,477	-	-	-	-	15,477	-	15,477
Due from other funds	35,770	-	-	-	-	35,770	(35,770)	-
Restricted assets:								
Cash and cash equivalents	-	479,171	775,999	790,248	-	2,045,418	-	2,045,418
Loans receivable, net	-	-	8,599,909	1,206,814	-	9,806,723	-	9,806,723
Property and equipment, net	-	-	-	-	-	-	77,633	77,633
Right of use Lease assets net	499,714	-	-	-	-	499,714	-	499,714
Total Assets	\$ 2,041,148	\$ 552,118	\$ 9,375,908	\$ 1,997,062	\$ 43,766	\$ 14,010,002	\$ 41,863	\$ 14,051,865
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES								
Deferred outflows related to pension							\$ 828,984	\$ 828,984
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION								
Liabilities:								
Accounts payable and other accrued expenses	\$ 65,825	\$ 33,672	\$ 7,530	\$ 654	\$ -	\$ 107,681	\$ -	\$ 107,681
Accrued payroll	69,445	-	-	-	-	69,445	-	69,445
Compensated absences	57,691	-	-	-	-	57,691	-	57,691
Unearned revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due to other funds	-	-	30,419	5,351	-	35,770	(35,770)	-
Lease Liability	499,714	-	-	-	-	499,714	-	499,714
Net pension liability	-	-	-	-	-	-	807,037	807,037
Net HIS liability	-	-	-	-	-	-	516,609	516,609
Total Liabilities	692,675	33,672	37,949	6,005	-	770,301	1,287,876	2,058,177
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES								
Deferred inflows related to pension							\$ 1,021,098	\$ 1,021,098
Fund Balances:								
Restricted for revolving loan program	-	-	9,337,957	1,991,057	-	11,329,014	(11,329,014)	-
Unassigned	1,348,473	518,446	-	-	43,766	1,910,685	(1,910,685)	-
Total fund balances	1,348,473	518,446	9,337,957	1,991,057	43,766	13,239,699	(13,239,699)	-
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 2,041,148	\$ 552,118	\$ 9,375,906	\$ 1,997,062	\$ 43,766	\$ 14,010,000		
Net position:								
Net investment in capital assets							77,633	77,633
Restricted for loan program							11,329,014	11,329,014
Unrestricted							394,927	394,927
Total Net Position							\$ 11,801,574	\$ 11,801,574

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES/STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

	Major Funds					Total Funds	Adjustments	Statement Activities
	General Fund	Planning Projects Fund	Revolving Loan Funds EDA	Other	SFRPI Fund			
REVENUES								
Membership assessments	\$ 970,865	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	970,865	\$ -	\$ 970,865
Federal, state and local projects	302,698	1,554,555	5,530,025	-	-	7,387,278	-	7,387,278
D.R.I. report reviews	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	37,979	-	404,874	61,192	691	504,736	-	504,736
Other Income	-	116,500	9,690	5,000	2,500	133,690	-	133,690
Total Revenues	<u>1,311,542</u>	<u>1,671,055</u>	<u>5,944,589</u>	<u>66,192</u>	<u>3,191</u>	<u>8,996,569</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,996,569</u>
EXPENDITURES								
Comprehensive planning:								
Personnel services	827,729	433,233	240,635	39,813	-	1,541,410	6,141	1,547,551
Operating expenses	248,750	163,900	118,376	13,709	378	545,113	-	545,113
Outside consultant expense	11,223	948,635	2,176	2,581	-	964,615	-	964,615
Depreciation and amortization	-	-	-	-	-	-	92,838	92,838
Bad debt expense	-	-	238,767	-	-	238,767	-	238,767
Total Expenditures	<u>1,087,702</u>	<u>1,545,768</u>	<u>599,954</u>	<u>56,103</u>	<u>378</u>	<u>3,289,905</u>	<u>98,979</u>	<u>3,388,884</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	223,840	125,287	5,344,635	10,089	2,813	5,706,664	(98,979)	5,607,685
Other financing sources (uses):								
Operating Transfers in	693,204	285,499	161,476	26,261	-	1,166,440	-	1,166,440
Operating Transfers (out)	(750,824)	-	(361,187)	(56,021)	(298)	(1,168,330)	-	(1,168,330)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(57,620)</u>	<u>285,499</u>	<u>(199,711)</u>	<u>(29,760)</u>	<u>(298)</u>	<u>(1,890)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,890)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other financing uses/change in net position	166,220	410,786	5,144,924	(19,671)	2,515	5,704,774	(98,979)	5,605,795
Fund balance/net position at beginning of year	<u>1,182,253</u>	<u>107,660</u>	<u>4,193,033</u>	<u>2,010,728</u>	<u>41,251</u>	<u>7,534,925</u>	<u>(1,339,146)</u>	<u>6,195,779</u>
Fund balance/net position at end of year	<u>\$ 1,348,473</u>	<u>\$ 518,446</u>	<u>\$ 9,337,957</u>	<u>\$ 1,991,057</u>	<u>\$ 43,766</u>	<u>\$ 13,239,699</u>	<u>\$ (1,438,125)</u>	<u>\$ 11,801,574</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

Note 1 - Nature of Operations

Reporting entity

The South Florida Regional Planning Council (the “Council”) is a regional governmental planning and coordinating agency formed in September 1969, in accordance with Chapter 186 of the Florida Statutes to provide policy analysis and comprehensive planning services in such areas as housing, emergency management, economic development, water management, transportation and other matters having direct regional impact. The membership of the Council presently consists of Broward, Miami-Dade, and Monroe counties.

The Council maintains separate management control and accountability. The governing board of the Council is composed of elected officials from the member counties, elected officials from city governments in the geographic area covered by the Council, and gubernatorial appointees from the geographic area covered by the Council.

The financial reporting entity for which the accompanying financial statements are prepared includes the Council (primary government) and its component unit, which is an entity for which the Council is financially accountable. The Council is financially accountable for legally separate organizations if its officials appoint a voting majority of an organization’s body and either is able to impose its will on that organization or there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific burdens on, the Council. The Council may also be financially accountable for organizations that are fiscally dependent on it.

Component Unit

The Southeast Florida Regional Prosperity Institute, Inc. (“SFRPI”) was formed as a nonprofit Section 501(c)(3) corporation. SFRPI is dedicated to providing educational and implementation opportunities to the economic development field and stakeholder groups concerning access to capital, environmental justice, conflict resolution, visioning as well as community development and redevelopment practices affecting land use, transportation, emergency management, safe and sanitary housing, health and the built environment, and natural resource protection and management.

SFRPI is a component unit of the Council since SFRPI’s Board of Directors consists of the current members of the Council, thereby enabling the Council to impose its will upon SFRPI. It qualifies as a blended component unit; therefore, data from SFRPI is combined with data of the Council. SFRPI does not issue stand-alone audited financial statements.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

These financial statements have been prepared in conformity with reporting guidelines established by GASB and in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. As a result of adopting GASB Statement No. 34 and GASB 63, the following types of financial statements are reported by the Council:

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd)

Government-wide Statements – The government-wide financial statements (i.e., statement of net position and statement of activities) report information on all the activities of the Council. Governments typically report activities as either governmental activities, which are normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, or business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. The Council reports only governmental activities as it has no business-type activities.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function, and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a function. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues. Since the Council's primary function (mission) is policy analysis and comprehensive planning, all revenues and expenses are for this purpose and the accompanying financial statements do not segregate beyond this function.

The Council has only governmental activities and one function. As such, the government-wide financial statements are presented together with the governmental fund financial statements, with an adjustment column presented to reconcile the two sets of statements.

Fund Financial Statements – Separate financial statements are provided for the Council's Governmental Funds, as described below:

Governmental Fund Type – used to account for all operations of the Council. The measurement focus of this fund type is based upon determination of changes in financial position or the financial flow measurement focus, rather than upon net income determination. Only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on its balance sheet. The operating statement presents sources (revenues and other financial sources) and uses (expenditures and other financial uses) of available spendable resources during the period. The following comprise the Council's major governmental funds:

- a) **General Fund** – used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.
- b) **Planning Projects Fund** – used to account for resources derived from specific sources, which are usually required by law or regulation to be accounted for in separate funds.

**SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd)

- c) ***The Revolving Loan Fund*** – used to account for resources derived from the various Revolving Loan portfolios (“RLF”). The RLF fund is used to account for revolving loan funds from the Department of Commerce through the Economic Development Administration (“EDA”) and the Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”). The EDA RLF CARES fund is used to provide loans to small and medium size local businesses to mitigate the negative economic effects of the Coronavirus pandemic in 2020. The EDA RLF is used to provide loans to small and medium size businesses located within Miami-Dade, Broward and Monroe Counties that have evidence demonstrating that credit is not otherwise available on terms and conditions that permit the completion or successful operation of the activity to be financed. The EPA RLF is used to fund loans on qualified, suitable market-ready Brownfield sites to appropriate developers and buyers (for-profit and non-profit developers or local governments). The loan fund will assist in the remediation activities required for site cleanup that will allow redevelopment projects to go forward. The primary target areas for loans are the eastern portion of Miami-Dade, Broward, and the Palm Beach Counties.
- d) ***SFRPI Fund*** – used to account for the financial activity of Southeast Florida Regional Prosperity Institute, Inc. (“SFRPI”), a component unit of the Council. SFRPI is a not-for-profit corporation created by the Council. SFRPI provides educational and implementation opportunities to the economic development field and stakeholder groups concerning access to capital, environmental justice, conflict resolution, visioning as well as community development and redevelopment practices affecting land use, transportation, emergency management, safe and sanitary housing, health and the built environment, and natural resource protection and management.

Measurement focus, basis of accounting and financial statement presentation

Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements – The Council uses the accrual basis of accounting under which revenues and expenses of the Council are recorded in the accounting period in which they are earned or incurred.

Expenditures are recorded when obligations are incurred, except for expenditures related to claims and judgments, which are recorded only when payment is due.

Government-wide Financial Statements – The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Intergovernmental and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd)

GASB Statement No. 54 establishes fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which a government is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources reported in government funds. Currently, the Council utilizes two of the five designations for fund balance under this statement: restricted and unassigned. These designations are defined as follows:

Restricted fund balance category includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external source providers, or through enabling legislation. The planning projects fund and revolving loan funds are considered restricted as defined by the statement.

Unassigned fund balance is classification for the government's general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. For fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, the unassigned fund balance in the Council's general fund could be used for the day-to-day operations of the Council.

Cost allocation

Expenses associated with specific grants or contracts are charged directly to the grants or contracts. Indirect expenses are allocated to active grants or contracts based on direct salary. This policy is consistent with the principles of 2 C.F.R. § 200.

Budget policy

Prior to October 1 of each year, the budget is legally adopted by the Council's Board. The budget is prepared based on the accrual basis of accounting which is the same basis of accounting used to reflect actual revenues and expenditures recognized in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. All actual amounts are presented in the Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance.

Risk management

It is the policy of the Council to purchase insurance for the risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Council obtained workers' compensation, property, general liability and automobile insurance coverage through the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust Fund of the Florida League of Cities, Inc. The Council obtained, from third party insurers, employee group life and disability insurance.

Encumbrances

The Council does not utilize encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation.

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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd)

Accounting estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, deferred outflows, liabilities and deferred inflows and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the amounts of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include amounts in demand deposit accounts and highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with maturity of three months or less when purchased.

Investments

Investments are stated at fair value.

Contract and grant receivables

Contract and grant receivables are stated at gross value. In management's opinion, all receivables are collectible as of year-end.

Loans receivable/allowance for loan losses

Loans are stated at the amount of unpaid principal, reduced by an allowance for loan losses. The allowance for loan losses is established through a provision for loan losses charged as an expense.

Restricted assets

The use of certain assets is restricted to finance business development activities with local economic development strategies and for revolving loan fund activities. Assets so designated are identified as restricted assets on the balance sheet.

Capital assets

Capital assets, which include office furniture and equipment and leasehold improvements, are recorded as capital outlay expenditures in the General Fund at the time goods are received and a liability is incurred. These assets are then capitalized at cost in the statement of net position. Fixed assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over two to ten years for furniture and equipment, and the remaining lease period for leasehold improvements. The depreciation expense is recorded in the statement of activities.

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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd)

Compensated absences

The Council's policy is to permit regular employees to accumulate earned and unused vacation pay benefits up to 160 hours of vacation time. The liability for accumulated vacation hours is reflected in the statement of net position.

Due to and from other funds

Interfund receivables and payables arise from Interfund transactions and are recorded by funds affected in the period in which transactions are executed.

Unearned revenues

Unearned revenues are payments received from grantor agencies before the related costs are incurred.

Pensions

In the governmental activities Statement of Net Position, pension liabilities are recognized for the Council's proportionate share of each pension plan's net pension liability. For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources related to pensions, deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Florida Retirement System Pension Plan (Pension Plan) defined benefit plan and the Health Insurance Subsidy (HIS) defined benefit plan, and additions to and deductions from the Pension Plan's and the HIS's fiduciary net position, have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the Pension Plan and HIS plans. Changes in the net pension liability during the period are recorded as pension expense, deferred outflows of resources, or deferred inflows of resources depending on the nature of the change. Those changes in the net pension liability that are recorded as deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources that arise from changes in actuarial assumptions or other inputs, changes in the proportionate share of the net pension liability, and differences between expected or actual experience, are amortized over the average expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plans, and recorded as a component of pension expense beginning with the period in which they arose. Differences between projected and actual investment earnings are reported as deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources and are amortized as a component of pension expense using a systematic and rational method over a five-year period.

Income taxes

The Council is exempt from federal and state income taxes; accordingly, no provision for income taxes is included in the financial statements.

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Note 3 - Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Net change in fund balances – total governmental funds	\$ 5,704,774
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. In the statement of activities, the cost of capital assets purchased are allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.	
Depreciation expense for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023	(92,838)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:	
Net pension obligations	(6,141)
Changes in net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 5,605,795</u>

Note 4 - Cash and Investments

As of September 30, 2023, the Council's cash and investments consisted of the following:

Cash and cash equivalents – Unrestricted Demand deposits and petty cash	\$ 1,410,250
Pooled investment fund – Florida SBA	11,840
Planning Projects Funds	479,171
EPA Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund	790,248
EDA Consolidated Loan Fund	627,147
EDA CARES Loan Fund	148,852
Total cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash	<u>\$ 3,467,508</u>

The carrying value of the above cash and investments equals fair value.

Deposits

The Council's deposits are held in financial institutions with Federal depository insurance that are approved by the State Treasurer to hold public funds.

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Note 4 - Cash and Investments (cont'd)

Investments

The Council does not have an investment policy with specific provisions to limit exposure to credit risk, custodial credit risk, concentration of credit risk, interest rate risk, or foreign currency risk. Excess funds are invested with the Local Government Surplus Funds Investment Pool Trust Fund ("Florida Prime"), which is administered by the Florida State Board of Administration (SBA) and governed by Chapters 215 and 218 of the Florida Statutes, and Chapter 19-7 of the Florida Administrative Code (collectively, "applicable Florida Law").

As of September 30, 2023, South Florida Regional Council had a balance of \$11,840 invested in the State Board of Administration's Florida Prime Fund.

The Office of the Auditor General performs an operational audit of the activities and investments of the SBA. Investments in the pooled fund are held in the name of the SBA and are not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Florida PRIME is not a registrant with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC); however, SBA has adopted operating procedures consistent with those required of an SEC Rule 2a-7-like fund. A 2a-7-like external investment pool is one that is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but nevertheless has a policy that it will, and does, operate in a manner consistent with SEC Rule 2a-7, which governs the operation of SEC regulated money market funds.

Restricted cash

The EDA Consolidated Loan, EDA CARES Loan Fund, and EPA Brownfield Loan restricted cash represents funds available to be loaned to finance business development activities consistent with local economic development strategies.

Note 5 - Loans Receivable/Allowance for Loan Losses

In August 2000, the U.S. Department of Commerce, through the EDA, transferred the administration of Special Economic Development and Assistance Programs, Long-term Economic Deterioration (RLF I) to the Council from a local nonprofit organization. The outstanding balance of loans receivable and funds available to the program was \$2,745,569 and \$1,723,623, respectively, were likewise transferred to the Council.

On February 23, 2004, the U.S. Department of Commerce, through the EDA, signed an Offer to Amend Grant Agreement to transfer the administration of Special EDA Assistance Program Long-term Economic Deterioration (RLF II) and (RLF Rescue) to the Council from a nonprofit corporation. The outstanding balance of loans receivable and funds available to the program of \$1,571,858 and \$2,001,905, respectively, were transferred to the Council on May 1, 2004.

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Note 5 - Loans Receivable/Allowance for Loan Losses (cont'd)

In October 2008, the U.S. Department of Commerce, through the EDA, transferred the administration of Special Economic Development and Assistance Programs, Long-term Economic Deterioration (RLF III) to the Council from the City of Homestead. The outstanding balance of loans receivable and funds available to the program was \$179,523 and \$877,359, respectively, and were likewise transferred to the Council.

On September 22, 2010, an offer to consolidate the existing RLF awards was reached between the Council and the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA). The Consolidated financial award restated was \$10,997,147 in federal award, \$1,290,088 contributed by the original recipients for an estimated total of \$12,287,235. In October 2010, the Council consolidated RLF I, RLF II, RLF III and RLF Rescue into one fund (RLF Consolidated).

On March 9, 2021, and after more than seven years since the EDA disbursed the complete funding of \$4,804,118 as capital base for the RLF Consolidated program, the EDA released its federal interest in the funding. Consequently, the SFRPC no longer needs to comply with OMB regulations at 2CFR part 200, EDA regulations at 13 CFR Chapter III, the terms and conditions attached to the Award and the EDA-approved RLF plan or any related document governing administration of the Award.

As of September 30, 2023, EDA RLF Consolidated fund outstanding balance of loans receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts was \$4,338,729. There are \$85,935 in funds available to the program as of that date, after commitments of \$764,309 for future disbursements. The administrative costs (excluding bad debt expense) related to the management of RLF Consolidated loan program were \$199,221 for the year ended September 30, 2023.

As of September 30, 2023, \$1,327,488 was set up as an allowance for loan losses, an increase of \$238,766 in the Allowance from 2022 due to the default of different loans that were high risk. It is the Council staff's plan to restructure these loans in hope to get them paid in full.

On November 8, 2005, the Council entered into an agreement with the State of Florida Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development to administer a loan program for small businesses affected by Hurricane Wilma. Eleven Million (\$11,000,000) dollars were released to the Council for small business loans not to exceed twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) per business.

The funds were allocated as follows: five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for Broward, five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for Miami-Dade County and one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for Monroe. Eight million, four hundred seventy-two thousand, two hundred and four dollars (\$8,472,204) were disbursed to small businesses affected by hurricane Wilma from the three counties and the unused portion of the funds went back to the State including interest earned less administrative cost. The Council has restated the net position for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021, to reflect the closeout of the Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Fund related to Hurricane Wilma, as described in Note 9. On 5/16/19, the Council remitted the remaining \$151,603 in cash as well as the \$977,064 in outstanding loan receivables to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. This fund was included in prior years under the "Revolving Loan Funds - Other" and subtracted under the "OTTED Loan Exclusion". The net effect was to exclude it from the Net Position at the entity level.

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Note 6 - Capital Assets

The following is the summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended September 30, 2023:

Description	09/30/2022	Additions	Retirement	9/30/2023
Office Furniture & Equipment	\$ 60,302	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,302
Leasehold Improvements	153,690	-	-	153,690
Construction in Progress	-	-	-	-
Sub-total	<u>213,992</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>213,992</u>
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(115,944)	(20,415)	-	(136,359)
Net	<u>\$ 98,048</u>	<u>\$ (20,415)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 77,633</u>

Depreciation and amortization expense was \$20,415 in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023.

Right-of-use lease assets

The Council has recorded the right-to-use lease assets as a result of implementing GASB Statement No. 87. The right-to-use lease assets are initially measured at an amount equal to the initial measurement of the related lease liability plus any lease payment made. The right-to-use lease assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the life of the asset or of the related lease. Refer to Note 10 for information on the liabilities relating to the right-of-use lease asset.

Note 7 - Transfers In/Out

The outstanding balances between Governmental funds mainly resulted from time lag between the dates that (a) inter-fund services are provided, or reimbursable expenditures occur, (b) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and (c) payments between funds are made. Interfund balances to the General Fund are to provide interim resources to Planning Project Fund for expenses related to reimbursable funds and grants. There were no dues not recorded this year.

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Planning Projects Fund</u>	<u>Revolving Loan Funds</u>		<u>SFPI Fund</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
			<u>EDA</u>	<u>Other</u>		
Operating Transfers in	\$ 693,204	\$ 285,499	\$ 161,476	\$ 26,261	\$ -	\$ 1,166,440
Operating Transfers (out)	\$ (750,824)	\$ -	\$ (361,187)	\$ (56,021)	\$ (298)	\$ (1,168,330)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>\$ (57,620)</u>	<u>\$ 285,499</u>	<u>\$ (199,711)</u>	<u>\$ (29,760)</u>	<u>\$ (298)</u>	<u>\$ (1,890)</u>

Note 8 - Employee Benefit Plans

All Council's employees participate in the Florida Retirement System (FRS). As provided by Chapters 121 and 112, Florida Statutes, the FRS provides two cost sharing, multiple employer defined benefit plans administered by the Florida Department of Management Services, Division of Retirement, including the Pension Plan and the Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy (HIS Plan).

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Note 8 - Employee Benefit Plans (cont'd)

Under Section 121.4501, Florida Statutes, the FRS also provides a defined contribution plan (Investment Plan) alternative to the Pension Plan, which is administered by the State Board of Administration (SBA). Generally, membership in the FRS is compulsory for all employees working in a regularly established position for a state agency, county government, district school board, state university, community college, or a participating city or special district within the State of Florida. The FRS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. The Florida Legislature establishes and may amend the contribution requirements and benefit terms of all FRS plans.

The plan administrator for FRS prepares and publishes its own stand-alone comprehensive annual financial report, including financial statements and required supplementary information. Copies of this report can be obtained from the Department of Management Services, Division of Retirement, Bureau of Research and Member Communications, P.O. Box 9000, Tallahassee, Florida 32315-9000; or at the Division's website (www.frs.myflorida.com).

Pension Plan

Plan Description - The Pension Plan is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, with a Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) for eligible employees.

The general classes of membership for the Council are as follows:

Regular Class - Members of the FRS who do not qualify for membership in the other classes.

Senior Management Service Class (SMSC) - Members in senior management level positions

Employees enrolled in the Pension Plan prior to July 1, 2011, vest after six years of creditable service, and employees enrolled in the Pension Plan on or after July 1, 2011, vest after eight years of creditable service. Regular Class and SMSC members initially enrolled in the Pension Plan before July 1, 2011, once vested, are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 62 or at any age after 30 years of creditable service. Members in these classes initially enrolled in the Pension Plan on or after July 1, 2011, once vested, are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 65 or any time after 33 years of creditable service.

Early retirement may be taken any time after vesting within 20 years of normal retirement age; however, there is a 5.0% benefit reduction for each year prior to the normal retirement age.

DROP is available under the Pension Plan when the member first reaches eligibility for normal retirement. The DROP allows a member to retire while continuing employment for up to 60 months. While in the DROP, the member's retirement benefits accumulate in the FRS Trust Fund increased by a cost-of-living adjustment each July and earn monthly interest equivalent to an annual rate of 1.30%. DROP participants with an effective DROP commencement date before July 1, 2011, earn monthly interest equivalent to an annual rate of 6.50%.

Benefits Provided - Benefits under the Pension Plan are computed based on age and/or years of service, average final compensation, and service credit. Credit for each year of service is expressed as a percentage of the average final compensation. For members initially enrolled

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Note 8 - Employee Benefit Plans – Pension Plan (cont'd)

before July 1, 2011, the average final compensation is the average of the five highest fiscal years' earnings; for members initially enrolled on or after July 1, 2011, the average final compensation is the average of the eight highest fiscal years' earnings. The total percentage value of the benefit received is determined by calculating the total value of all service, which is based on the retirement plan and/or class to which the member belonged when the service credit was earned. The following chart shows the percentage value for each year of service credit earned.

	% Value (per year of service)
<u>Regular Class members initially enrolled before July 1, 2011</u>	
Retirement up to age 62 or up to 30 years of service	1.60%
Retirement at age 63 or with 31 years of service	1.63%
Retirement at age 64 or with 32 years of service	1.65%
Retirement at age 65 or with 33 or more years of service.....	1.68%
<u>Regular Class members initially enrolled on or after July 1, 2011</u>	
Retirement up to age 65 or up to 33 years of service	1.60%
Retirement at age 66 or with 34 years of service	1.63%
Retirement at age 67 or with 35 years of service	1.65%
Retirement at age 68 or with 36 or more years of service.....	1.68%
<u>Special Risk Class</u>	
Service from Dec. 1, 1970 through Sept. 30, 1974	2.00%
Service on and after Oct. 1, 1974	3.00%

The benefits received by retirees and beneficiaries are increased by a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) each July. If the member was initially enrolled in the Pension Plan before August 1, 2011, and all service credit was accrued before that time, the annual COLA is 3.0% per year. If the member effective retirement date or DROP begin date is on or after August 1, 2011, there is an individually calculated COLA. The annual COLA is a proportion of 3.0% determined by dividing the sum of the pre-July 2011 service credit by the total service credit at retirement multiplied by 3.0%. Pension Plan members initially enrolled on or after July 1, 2011, will not have a COLA after retirement.

Contributions - Effective July 1, 2011, all enrolled members of the Pension Plan, other than DROP participants, are required to contribute 3% of their salary to the Pension Plan. In addition to member contributions, governmental employers are required to make contributions to the Pension Plan based on state-wide contribution rates established by the Florida Legislature. These rates are updated as of July 1, of each year.

The employer contribution rates by job class for the periods from October 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, and from July 1, 2023, through September 30, 2023, respectively, were as follows: Regular – 11.91% and 13.57%, Senior Management Service – 31.57 % and 34.52% and DROP participants 18.6% and 21.13%. These employer contribution rates include the HIS Plan contribution rates of 2% and 1.66%, or the administrative cost assessment of 0.06% and 0.06%. The 0.06% administrative/educational fee does not apply to DROP participants.

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Note 8 - Employee Benefit Plans – Pension Plan (cont'd)

For the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, pension contributions, including employee contributions of \$29,895, to the Pension Plan for the Council totaled \$173,168.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions – As of September 30, 2023, the Council reported a liability of \$19,420 for its proportionate share of the Pension Plan's net pension liability.

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2023. The Council's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on the Council's 2022-2023 fiscal year contributions relative to the 2022-2023 fiscal year contributions of all participating members. As of June 30, 2023, the Council's proportionate share was 0.002025348% which was a decrease of 0.000476652% from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2022.

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, the Council reported employer contributions of \$143,272. In addition, the Council reported changes in deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the Pension Plan from the following sources:

Deferred Inflows	
Deferred Inflows - Change in Proportion	\$ 122,675
Deferred Inflows - Change in Proportion (reverse prior year)	(66,279)
Total Change	<u>\$ 56,396</u>
 Deferred Outflows	
Deferred Outflows - Contributions Subsequent to Measurement Date	\$ 26,734
Deferred Outflows - Assumptions	52,609
Deferred Outflows - Assumptions (reverse prior year)	(110,525)
Deferred Outflows - Change in Proportion	49,592
Deferred Outflows - Change in Proportion (reverse prior year)	(69,896)
Deferred Outflows - Contributions Subsequent to Prior Measurement Date	(21,371)
Deferred Outflows - Experience	75,774
Deferred Outflows - Experience (reverse prior year)	(42,624)
Deferred Outflows - Investments	33,704
Deferred Outflows - Investments (reverse prior year)	0
Total Change	<u>\$ (6,003)</u>

The deferred outflows of resources related to the Pension Plan for the Council resulting from contributions to the Pension Plan subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the Pension Plan will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

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Note 8 - Employee Benefit Plans – Pension Plan (cont'd)

	Fiscal Year Ending September 30th	
2024	\$	22,090
2025		(8,752)
2026		132,553
2027		12,591
2028		3,605
Thereafter		-
Total	\$	<u>162,087</u>

Actuarial Assumptions - The total pension liability in the June 30, 2023, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

Mortality rates were based on the Generational RP-2000 with Projection Scale BB tables.

Inflation	2.40%
Salary increases	3.25% average, including inflation
Investment rate of return	6.70%

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2023 valuation, were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2022.

The long-term expected rate of return on Pension Plan investments was not based on historical returns, but instead is based on a forward-looking capital market economic model. The allocation policy's description of each asset class was used to map the target allocation to the asset classes shown below. Each asset class assumption is based on a consistent set of underlying assumptions and includes an adjustment for the inflation assumption. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic and geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Policy Allocation*	Annual Arithmetic Return	Compound Annual (Geometric) Return	Annual Standard Deviation
Cash Equivalents	1.0%	2.9%	2.9%	1.1%
Fixed income	19.8%	4.5%	4.4%	3.4%
Global equity	54.0%	8.7%	7.1%	18.1%
Real estate	10.3%	7.6%	6.6%	14.8%
Private equity	11.1%	11.9%	8.8%	26.3%
Strategic investments	3.8%	6.3%	6.1%	7.7%
Assumed inflation - mean			2.4%	1.4%

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Discount Rate - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.7%. The Pension Plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the discount rate for calculation the total pension liability is equal to the long-term expected rate of return.

Sensitivity of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - The following represents the Council's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.70%, as well as what the proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower of (1%) or one percentage point higher (1%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
Council's Proportionate share of Net Pension Liability	5.70%	6.70%	7.70%
	\$1,378,584	\$807,037	\$328,870

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Detailed information regarding the Pension Plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued FRS Pension Plan and Other State-Administered Systems Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

HIS Plan

Plan Description - The HIS Plan is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan established under Section 112.363, Florida Statutes, and may be amended by the Florida legislature at any time. The benefit is a monthly payment to assist retirees of State-administered retirement systems in paying their health insurance costs and is administered by the Florida Department of Management Services, Division of Retirement.

Benefits Provided - For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, eligible retirees and beneficiaries received a monthly HIS Plan payment of \$5 for each year of creditable service completed at the time of retirement, with a minimum HIS Plan payment of \$30 and a maximum HIS Plan payment of \$150 per month. To be eligible to receive these benefits, a retiree under a State-administered retirement system must provide proof of health insurance coverage, which may include Medicare.

Contributions - The HIS Plan is funded by required contributions from FRS participating employers as set by the Florida Legislature. Employer contributions are a percentage of gross compensation for all active FRS members. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, the HIS Plan contribution rate for the period October 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, and from July 1, 2023, through September 30, 2023, was 1.66% and 1.66%, respectively. HIS Plan contributions are deposited in a separate trust fund from which payments are authorized. HIS Plan benefits are not guaranteed and are subject to annual legislative appropriation. In the event, legislative appropriation or available funds fail to provide full subsidy benefits to all participants, benefits may be reduced or cancelled.

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SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

Note 8 - Employee Benefit Plans - HIS Plan (cont'd)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions – As of September 30, 2023, the Council reported a liability of \$428,397 for its proportionate share of the HIS Plan’s net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2023. The Council’s proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on the Council’s 2022-2023 fiscal year contributions relative to the 2022-2023 fiscal year contributions of all participating members. As of June 30, 2023, the Council’s proportionate share was 0.003356% which was an increase of 0.000457% from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2022.

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, the Council reported employer contributions of \$19,728. In addition, the Council reported changes to deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the HIS Plan from the following sources:

Deferred Inflows

Deferred Inflows - Assumptions	\$ 44,766
Deferred Inflows - Assumptions (reverse prior year)	(54,201)
Deferred Inflows - Change in Proportion	19,407
Deferred Inflows - Change in Proportion (reverse prior year)	(27,213)
Deferred Inflows - Experience	1,213
Deferred Inflows - Experience (reverse prior year)	(1,542)
Total Change	<u>\$ (17,571)</u>

Deferred Outflows

Deferred Outflow - Contributions Subsequent to Measurement Date	\$ (6,518)
Deferred Outflows - Assumptions	13,581
Deferred Outflows - Assumptions (reverse prior year)	(20,083)
Deferred Outflows - Change in Proportion	46,385
Deferred Outflows - Change in Proportion (reverse prior year)	(61,066)
Deferred Outflows - Contributions Subsequent to Prior Measurement Date	(4,551)
Deferred Outflows - Experience	7,563
Deferred Outflows - Experience (reverse prior year)	(10,634)
Deferred Outflows - Investments	267
Deferred Outflows - Investments (reverse prior year)	(507)
Total Change	<u>\$ (35,563)</u>

The deferred outflows of resources related to the HIS Plan, totaling (\$35,563) for the Council, resulting from contributions to the HIS Plan subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023.

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SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

Note 8 - Employee Benefit Plans - HIS Plan (cont'd)

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the HIS Plan will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

0.00325293%

Fiscal Year Ending September 30th		
2024	\$	(4,293)
2025		(2,603)
2026		(4,330)
2027		(8,493)
2028		(4,499)
Thereafter		(350)
Total	\$	<u>(24,567)</u>

Actuarial Assumptions – Actuarial valuations for the HIS Plans are conducted biennially. The July 1, 2022, HIS Plan valuation is the most recent actuarial valuation and was used to develop the liabilities for June 30, 2023. Liabilities originally calculated as the actuarial valuation date have been recalculated as of June 30, 2023, using standard actuarial roll-forward technique. The total pension liability as of June 30, 2023, was determined using the following actuarial assumptions: Mortality rates were based on the Generational RP-2000 with Projection Scale BB tables.

Inflation	2.40%
Salary increases	3.25% average, including inflation
Investment rate of return	6.70% net pension plan investment, including inflation

The actuarial assumptions that determined the total pension liability as of June 30, 2023, were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2022.

Discount Rate - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability as of June 30, 2023, was 3.65%. In general, the discount rate for calculating the total pension liability is equal to the single rate equivalent to discounting at the long-term expected rate of return for benefit payments prior to the projected depletion date. Because the HIS Plan benefit is essentially funded on a pay-as-you-go basis, the depletion date is considered to be immediate, and the single equivalent discount rate is equal to the municipal bond rate selected by the FRS Actuarial Assumption Conference. The Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index was adopted as the applicable municipal bond index. The discount rate used in the 2023 valuation was updated from 3.54% to 3.65%, reflecting the changed in the Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-Bond Municipal Index as of June 30, 2023.

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Note 8 - Employee Benefit Plans - HIS Plan (cont'd)

Sensitivity of the Proportionate Share of the Net HIS Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - The following represents the Council's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated as of September 30, 2023, using the discount rate of 3.65%, as well as what the proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower 2.65% or one percentage point higher 4.65% than the current rate:

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
	2.65%	3.65%	4.65%
Council's Proportionate share of Net Pension Liability	\$589,370	\$516,609	\$456,294

HIS Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Detailed information regarding the HIS Plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued FRS Pension Plan and Other State-Administered Systems Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Investment Plan

The SBA administers the defined contribution plan officially titled the FRS Investment Plan. The Investment Plan is reported in the SBA's annual financial statements and in the State of Florida Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

As provided in Section 121.4501, Florida Statutes, eligible FRS members may elect to participate in the Investment Plan in lieu of the defined benefit pension plan. Council employees participating in DROP are not eligible to participate in the Investment Plan. Employer and employee contributions, including amounts contributed to individual member's accounts, are defined by law, but the ultimate benefit depends in part on the performance of investment funds. Benefit terms, including contribution requirements, for the Investment Plan are established and may be amended by the Florida Legislature. The Investment Plan is funded with the same employer and employee contribution rates that are based on salary and membership class, as the Pension Plan. Contributions are directed to individual member accounts, and the individual members allocate contributions and account balances among various approved investment choices. Costs of administering the Investment Plan, including the FRS Financial Guidance Program, are funded through an employer contribution of 0.04% of payroll and by forfeited benefits of plan members.

For all membership classes, employees are immediately vested in their own contributions and are vested after one year of service for employer contributions and investment earnings. If an accumulated benefit obligation for service credit originally earned under the Pension Plan is transferred to the Investment Plan, the member must have the years of service required for Pension Plan vesting (including the service credit represented by the transferred funds) to be vested for these funds and the earnings on the funds. Non-vested employer contributions are placed in a suspense account for up to five years. If the employee returns to FRS-covered employment within the five-year period, the employee will regain control over their account. If the

**SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

Note 8 - Employee Benefit Plans - Investment Plan (cont'd)

employee does not return within the five-year period, the employee will forfeit the accumulated account balance.

After termination and applying to receive benefits, the member may rollover vested funds to another qualified plan, structure a periodic payment under the Investment Plan, receive a lump sum distribution, leave the funds invested for future distribution, or any combination of these options. Disability coverage is provided. The member may, either transfer the account balance to the Pension Plan when approved for disability retirement to receive guaranteed lifetime monthly benefits under the Pension Plan or remain in the Investment Plan and rely upon that account balance for retirement income.

Note 9 - Long-Term Liabilities

A summary of changes in long-term liabilities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, are as follows:

	09/30/2022	Increase	Decrease	9/30/2023
Net pension liability	\$ 897,456	\$ -	\$ 90,419	\$ 807,037
Net HIS liability	350,364	166,245	-	516,609
Net Lease liability	572,137	-	72,423	499,714
Total	<u>\$ 1,819,957</u>	<u>\$ 166,245</u>	<u>\$ 162,842</u>	<u>\$ 1,868,559</u>

Note 10 – Commitments

The Council conducts its operations from a leased office space. The five-year lease expires October 15, 2023. Total rental expense for the year ended September 30, 2023, was \$99,420. Future annual rental payments, including approximate common area maintenance cost and real estate taxes required under the amended lease and the extension period are included as follows:

Year ending September 30th	
2024	\$ 110,138
2025	111,646
2026	113,215
2027	114,847
2028	116,544
2029	118,309
Thereafter	65,180
Total	<u>\$ 749,880</u>

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SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

Note 11 - Contingencies

The Council participates in several Federal programs and State projects. These programs and projects are subject to financial and compliance audits by the grantors or their respective representatives. The possible disallowance of any item charged to the program or project or request for the return of any unexpended funds cannot be determined at this time. No provision for any liability that may result has been made in the financial statements.

Note 12 - Southeast Florida Regional Prosperity Institute, Inc (“SFRPI”)

As described in Note 1, the Southeast Florida Regional Prosperity Institute, Inc (“SFRPI”) is a component unit of the Council. Summary financial data as of September 30, 2023, for the SFRPI is as follows:

Assets:	
Cash	\$ 41,266
Receivables	<u>2,500</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>43,766</u></u>
 Liabilities:	
Unearned revenue	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>-</u>
 Fund Balance:	
Unassigned	<u>43,766</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>43,766</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u><u>43,766</u></u>
Total Revenue	3,191
Total Expenditures	<u>378</u>
Excess Revenue over Expenditures	<u>2,813</u>
Fund Balance at the beginning of year	<u>41,251</u>
Fund Balance at the end of year	<u><u>\$ 43,766</u></u>

Note 13 - Subsequent Events

Subsequent events are events or transactions that occur after the balance sheet date but before the financial statements are issued or are available to be issued. Subsequent events should be disclosed in the financial statements if exclusion of such disclosure would cause the financial statements to be misleading.

Management has evaluated subsequent events through June 30, 2024, the date the financial statements were available, and does not believe that there are any other events or transactions that require disclosure.

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

**SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance to Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
REVENUES				
Local Funded Projects	\$ 207,000	\$ 205,185	\$ 294,482	\$ 89,297
Other Revenues	<u>972,366</u>	<u>1,005,866</u>	<u>1,017,060</u>	<u>11,194</u>
Total Revenues	<u>1,179,366</u>	<u>1,211,051</u>	<u>1,311,542</u>	<u>100,491</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Local Funded Projects	500,000	436,476	248,750	187,226
Other Expenditures	<u>679,366</u>	<u>774,575</u>	<u>838,952</u>	<u>(64,377)</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>1,179,366</u>	<u>1,211,051</u>	<u>1,087,702</u>	<u>123,349</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>223,840</u>	<u>223,840</u>
Other financing sources (uses)				
Operating Transfers in	-	-	693,204	693,204
Operating Transfers (out)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(750,824)</u>	<u>(750,824)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(57,620)</u>	<u>(57,620)</u>
Net change in fund balance	-	-	166,220	166,220
Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>1,182,253</u>	<u>1,182,253</u>	<u>1,182,253</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 1,182,253</u>	<u>\$ 1,182,253</u>	<u>\$ 1,348,473</u>	<u>\$ 166,220</u>

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**SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
PLANNING PROJECTS FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance to Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
REVENUES				
Total Revenues	\$ 2,149,482	\$ 1,935,036	\$ 1,671,055	\$ (263,981)
EXPENDITURES				
Total Expenditures	<u>2,149,482</u>	<u>1,935,036</u>	<u>1,545,768</u>	<u>389,268</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>125,287</u>	<u>125,287</u>
Other financing sources (uses)				
Operating Transfers in	-	-	285,499	285,499
Operating Transfers (out)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>285,499</u>	<u>285,499</u>
Net change in fund balance	-	-	410,786	410,786
Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>107,660</u>	<u>107,660</u>	<u>107,660</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 107,660</u>	<u>\$ 107,660</u>	<u>\$ 518,446</u>	<u>\$ 410,786</u>

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**SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
EDA REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance to Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
REVENUES				
Total Revenues	\$ 456,000	\$ 386,405	\$ 5,944,589	\$ 5,558,184
EXPENDITURES				
Total Expenditures	\$ 456,000	\$ 386,405	361,187	25,218
Bad Debt Expense	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>238,767</u>	<u>(238,767)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	-	5,344,635	5,344,635
Other financing sources (uses)				
Operating Transfers in	-	-	161,476	161,476
Operating Transfers (out)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(361,187)</u>	<u>(361,187)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(199,711)</u>	<u>(199,711)</u>
Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>4,193,033</u>	<u>4,193,033</u>	<u>4,193,033</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 4,193,033</u>	<u>\$ 4,193,033</u>	<u>\$ 9,337,957</u>	<u>\$ 5,144,924</u>

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**SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
OTHER REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance to Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES				
Total Revenues	\$ 44,000	\$ 50,071	\$ 66,192	\$ 16,121
EXPENDITURES				
Total Expenditures	<u>44,000</u>	<u>50,071</u>	<u>56,103</u>	<u>(6,032)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,089</u>	<u>10,089</u>
Other financing sources (uses)				
Operating Transfers in	-	-	26,261	26,261
Operating Transfers (out)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(56,021)</u>	<u>(56,021)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(29,760)</u>	<u>(29,760)</u>
Net change in fund balance	-	-	(19,671)	(19,671)
Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>2,010,728</u>	<u>2,010,728</u>	<u>2,010,728</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 2,010,728</u>	<u>\$ 2,010,728</u>	<u>\$ 1,991,057</u>	<u>\$ (19,671)</u>

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**SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
SFRPI FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance to Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
REVENUES				
Total Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,191	\$ 3,191
EXPENDITURES				
Total Expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>378</u>	<u>(378)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,813</u>	<u>2,813</u>
Other financing sources (uses)				
Operating Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers (out)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(298)</u>	<u>(298)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(298)</u>	<u>(298)</u>
Net change in fund balance	-	-	2,515	2,515
Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>41,251</u>	<u>41,251</u>	<u>41,251</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$41,251</u>	<u>\$41,251</u>	<u>\$43,766</u>	<u>\$ 2,515</u>

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**SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS
FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM PENSION PLAN
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Contractually required contribution	\$ 199,676	\$ 175,356	\$ 161,890	\$ 128,515	\$ 122,770	\$ 109,090	\$ 122,557	\$ 126,170	\$ 120,681	\$ 116,621
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(199,676)	(175,356)	(161,890)	(128,515)	(122,770)	(109,090)	(122,557)	(126,170)	(120,681)	(116,621)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SFRPC's covered-employee payroll	\$1,288,729	\$1,205,522	\$1,188,177	\$1,006,185	\$ 865,803	\$ 797,279	\$ 958,014	\$1,023,750	\$1,004,216	\$ 958,787
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	-15.49%	-14.55%	-13.63%	-12.77%	-14.18%	-13.68%	-12.79%	-12.32%	-12.02%	-12.16%

**Note: The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of September 30th.
Information is not available prior to fiscal year 2014.**

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**SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM PENSION PLAN
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019 ³	2018	2017 ²	2016	2015	2014
SFRPC's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.002025348%	0.057256101%	0.058011151%	0.060856890%	0.059267773%	0.059740238%	0.057945094%	0.058090248%	0.053894033%	0.051133999%
SFRPC's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 807,037	\$ 21,303,871	\$ 4,382,083	\$ 26,376,273	\$ 20,410,438	\$ 17,994,069	\$ 17,145,653	\$ 14,667,833	\$ 6,961,137	\$ 3,119,926
SFRPC's covered-employee payroll	\$ 1,288,729	\$ 1,205,522	\$ 1,188,177	\$ 1,006,185	\$ 865,803	\$ 797,279	\$ 958,014	\$ 1,023,750	\$ 1,004,216	\$ 958,787
SFRPC's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	62.62%	1767.19%	368.81%	2621.41%	2357.40%	2256.93%	1789.71%	1432.75%	693.19%	325.40%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	82.38%	82.89%	96.40%	78.85%	82.61%	84.26%	83.89%	84.88%	92.00%	96.09%

¹ The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of 6/30.

²NPL at 2017 has been increased by \$10,152,810 due to implementation of GASB 75.

³NPL at 2019 has been decreased by \$940,602.

Note 1: The amounts shown above are for illustration purposes only. Each employer will determine the appropriate amounts to present based upon amounts published in the pension allocation schedules.

Note 2: The Plan's fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability is published in Note 4 of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Note 3: Refer to GASB 68, paragraph 81a - the information in this schedule should be determined as of the measurement date of the collective net pension liability.

**Note: The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of September 30th.
Information is not available prior to fiscal year 2014.**

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**SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS
FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDY
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Contractually required contribution	\$ 21,393	\$ 20,012	\$ 14,460	\$ 18,969	\$ 16,966	\$ 13,936	\$ 15,661	\$ 17,275	\$ 12,598	\$ 9,064
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(21,393)	(20,012)	(14,460)	(18,969)	(16,966)	(13,936)	(15,661)	(17,275)	(12,598)	(9,064)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SFRPC's covered-employee payroll	\$ 1,288,729	\$ 1,205,522	\$ 1,188,177	\$ 1,006,185	\$ 865,803	\$ 797,279	\$ 958,014	\$ 1,023,750	\$ 1,004,216	\$ 958,787
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	-1.66%	-1.66%	-1.22%	-1.89%	-1.96%	-1.75%	-1.63%	-1.69%	-1.25%	-0.95%

**Note: The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of September 30th.
Information is not available prior to fiscal year 2014.**

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**SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDY
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
SFRPC's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.000000000%	0.047159501%	0.046730414%	0.046462988%	0.045544109%	0.044162719%	0.042122000%	0.041674824%	0.040376046%	0.038232292%
SFRPC's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) \$	-	\$ 4,994,944	\$ 5,732,188	\$ 5,673,055	\$ 5,095,930	\$ 4,674,232	\$ 4,503,879	\$ 4,857,028	\$ 4,117,722	\$ 3,574,813
SFRPC's covered-employee payroll \$	1,288,729	\$ 1,205,522	\$ 1,188,177	\$ 1,006,185	\$ 865,803	\$ 797,279	\$ 958,014	\$ 1,023,750	\$ 1,004,216	\$ 958,787
SFRPC's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	0.00%	414.34%	482.44%	563.82%	588.58%	586.27%	470.13%	474.43%	410.04%	372.85%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	4.12%	4.81%	3.56%	3.00%	2.63%	2.15%	1.64%	0.97%	0.50%	0.99%

* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of 6/30.

Note 1: GASB 68 requires information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, governments should present information for only those years for which information is available.

Note 2: The amounts shown above are for illustration purposes only. Each employer will determine the appropriate amounts to present based upon amounts published in the pension allocation schedules.

Note 3: The Plan's fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability is published in Note 4 of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Note 4: Refer to GASB 68, paragraph 81a - the information in this schedule should be determined as of the measurement date of the collective net pension liability.

**Note: The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of September 30th.
Information is not available prior to fiscal year 2014.**

The accompanying notes to the required supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.

**SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

Note 1- Budgetary Requirements

The South Florida Regional Planning Council (the “Council”) prepares an annual operating budget for all the funds presented in the financial statements. They include the following:

1. General Fund
2. Planning Projects Fund
3. EDA Revolving Loan Fund
4. Other Revolving Loan Funds
5. The SFRPI Fund

The Council’s budgeting process is based on estimates of revenues and expenditures and requires that all budgets be approved by the Board of the Council (the “Board”). Subsequent amendments to the budget, if any, are approved by the Board; however, there were no amendments for fiscal year ended September 30, 2023.

Budgets are prepared on the same basis of accounting as required for Governmental Fund Types. Any remaining fund balances remain with the Council at the end of the year.

For the year ended September 30, 2023, the budget to actual comparison for the major funds were the following:

- General Fund revenues were \$1,311,542 or \$100,491 higher than the budget.
- General Fund expenditures were \$1,087,702 or \$123,349 lower than the budget.
- Planning Project Fund revenues were \$1,671,055 or \$263,981 lower than the budget.
- Planning Project Fund expenditures were \$1,545,768 or \$389,268 lower than the budget.
- EDA Revolving Loan Fund revenues were \$5,944,589 or \$5,558,184 higher than the budget.
- EDA Revolving Loan Fund expenditures were \$361,187 or \$25,218 lower than the budget.
- Other Revolving Loan Fund revenues were \$66,192 or \$16,121 higher than the budget.
- Other Revolving Loan Fund expenditures were \$56,103 or \$6,032 higher than the budget.

Note 2 – Pension Information

The discount rate used to measure the pension liability of the HIS plan as of June 30, 2023, was increased from 2.16% to 3.54%, reflecting the change in the Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index as of June 30, 2023.

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

COMPLIANCE SECTION

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Council Members of the
South Florida Regional Planning Council

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the South Florida Regional Planning Council (the "Council"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Council's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 30, 2023.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Council's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Council's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS - Continued

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S. Davis & Associates, P.A." is displayed on a light blue rectangular background.

Hollywood, Florida
June 30, 2024

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

To the Council Members of the
South Florida Regional Planning Council

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the South Florida Regional Planning Council's (the "Council") compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Council's major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2023. The Council's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the Council, complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the Council and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Council's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the Council's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the Council's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM
AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM
GUIDANCE - Continued**

compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the Council's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the Council's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the Council's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



Hollywood, Florida
June 30, 2024

**SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

FEDERAL AWARDS	ALN/CFDA	Contract #	Expenditures	Loans Receivable	Cash & Investments	Total Expenditures	Federal Share
<u>US Dept. of Commerce - Economic Development Administration</u>							
<u>Economic Development Cluster</u>							
RLF CARES Act	11.307	04-79-07544	\$ 161,966	\$ 5,328,303	\$ 365,812	\$ 5,856,081	100.00% \$ 5,856,081
Economic Development Strategic Economic Development Plan Economic Development Cluster	11.307	04-69-07325	224,996			224,996	50.00% 112,498
			386,962	5,328,303	365,812	6,081,077	5,968,579
Total US Department of Commerce			386,962	5,328,303	365,812	6,081,077	5,968,579
<u>US Department of Defense</u>							
Community Economic Adjustment Assistance for Responding to Threats to the Resilience of a Military Installation	12.003	MIR1319-21-01	709,448			709,448	90.00% 638,503
Total US Department of Defense			709,448			709,448	638,503
<u>US Department of Transportation</u>							
Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)							
Passed through South Florida Regional Transportation Authority ("SFRTA")	20.500	D20 15-TODP-0008	88,558			88,558	88,558
<u>US Department of Transportation</u>							
Interagency Hazardous Materials Public Sector Training and Planning Grants Passed through the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management							
Total US Department of Transportation	20.703	D0005	99,303			99,303	99,303
			187,861			187,861	187,861
<u>US Department of Environmental Protection</u>							
Brownfields Multipurpose, Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements	66.818	BF-OOD93919-0	112,124			112,124	100.00% 112,124
Total US Department of Environmental Protection			112,124			112,124	112,124
<u>US Department of Energy</u>							
Conservation Research and Development Clean Cities Coalition Programmatic Support	81.086	DE-EE0010586	63,709			63,709	63,709
Total US Department of Energy			63,709			63,709	63,709
Total Federal Awards			\$ 1,460,104	\$ 5,328,303	\$ 365,812	\$ 7,154,218	\$ 6,970,776

The accompanying notes to the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are an integral part of this schedule.

**SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards included herein represents the Federal grant activity of the South Florida Regional Council (the "Council").

Basis of Presentation

The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and the requirements of Title 2, Part 200 of the Code of Federal Regulations (2 CFR part 200). Some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in, the preparation of the basic financial statements.

Basis of Accounting

The expenditures in the accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. The accrual basis recognizes expenses when they are incurred.

Note 2 - Indirect Cost Rate

The Council has not elected to use the 10 percent de minimis cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

Note 3 - Loans Receivable

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) for EDA RLF grant (CFDA 11.307, contract # 04-79-07544) shows as a separate line item calculated as follows:

1. Balance of RLF loans outstanding at the end of the fiscal year, *plus*
2. Cash and investment balance in the RLF at the end of the fiscal year, *plus*
3. Administrative expenses paid out of RLF income during the fiscal year; *plus*
4. The unpaid principal of all loans written off during the fiscal year; *and then multiply this sum (1+ 2 +3+4) by*
5. The Federal share of the RLF. The Federal share is defined as the Federal participation rate (or the Federal grant rate) as specified in the grant award.

Economic Development Agency Revolving Loan Funds

	2023	
	RLF Consolidated	RLF CARES
Balance of Principal	\$ 4,338,729	\$ 5,328,303
Administrative Expenses	199,221	161,966
Net total	4,537,950	5,490,269
% of Federal Share	89.50%	100.00%
Federal Share	\$ 4,061,465	\$ 5,490,269

**SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

Note 3 - Loans Receivable (cont'd)

In March 2022, the Council was notified that the EDA Consolidated Revolving Loan Fund was defederalized by the Economic Development Agency.

The balance of RLF loan receivables outstanding as of September 30, 2023, are as follows:

<u>Loan Description</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Economic Adjustment Assistance Program	\$ 4,338,729
RLF Consolidated Allowance for Loan losses	\$ (1,067,123)
CARES Act	\$ 5,328,303

Note 4 - Contingencies

Grant monies received and disbursed by the Council are for specific purposes and are subject to review by the grantor agencies. Such audits may result in requests for reimbursement due to disallowed expenditures. Based upon prior experience, the Council does not believe that such disallowances, if any, would have a material effect on the financial position of the Council. As of June 28, 2024, management is not aware of any material questioned or disallowed costs as a result of grant audits in process or completed; however, the possible disallowance by a governmental agency of any item charged to a program or project cannot be determined at this time.

**SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued:

Unmodified

- Material weakness(es) identified? ___ Yes X No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be a material weakness? ___ Yes X None Reported
- Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? ___ Yes X No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? ___ Yes X No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be a material weakness? ___ Yes X None Reported

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs:

Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? ___ Yes X No

Identification of major programs:

<u>ALN/CFDA Numbers</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program</u>
11.307	U.S. Department of Commerce - Economic Adjustment Assistance (<i>Economic Development Cluster</i>)
12.003	Community Economic Adjustment Assistance for Responding to Threats to the Resiliency of a Military Installation

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: \$750,000

Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee? X Yes ___ No

**SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

Section II - Financial Statement Current Year Findings and Questioned Costs

There were no findings and questioned costs noted during the current year.

Section III - Financial Statement Prior Year Findings and Questioned Costs

There were no findings and questioned costs noted during the prior year.

Section IV - Federal Award Current Year Findings and Questioned Costs

There were no findings and questioned costs noted during the current year.

Section V - Federal Award Prior Year Findings and Questioned Costs

There were no findings and questioned costs noted during the prior year.

Section VI - Other Matters

There were no other matters noted in the current or prior year.

Management Letter in Accordance with Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida

To the Council Members of the
South Florida Regional Planning Council

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the South Florida Regional Planning Council (the "Council") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated June 30, 2024.

Auditor's Responsibility

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance); and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General.

Other Reports and Schedule

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*; Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and Report on Internal Control over Compliance; Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs; and Independent Accountant's Report on an examination conducted in accordance with AICPA Professional Standards, AT-C Section 315, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Disclosures in those reports and schedule, which are dated June 30, 2024, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Prior Audit Findings

Section 10.554(1)(i)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding financial audit report. There were no such findings or recommendations.

Official Title and Legal Authority

Section 10.554(1)(i)4., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that the name or official title and legal authority for the primary government and each component unit of the reporting entity be disclosed in the management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. The name or official title and legal authority of the primary government and component unit are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

**Management Letter in Accordance with
Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida - Continued**

Financial Condition and Management

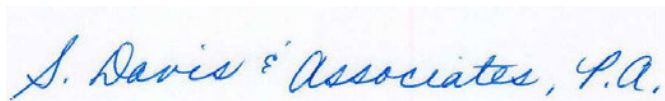
Section 10.554(1)(i)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

Additional Matters

Section 10.554(1)(i)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires us to communicate noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material, but which warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.

Purpose of this Letter

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, Federal and other granting agencies, Members of the Council and management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Hollywood, Florida
June 30, 2024

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

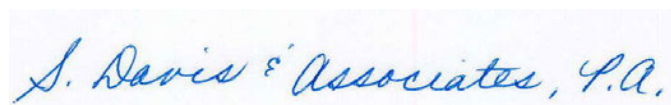
To the Council Members of the
South Florida Regional Planning Council

We have examined South Florida Regional Planning Council's (the "Council") compliance with the requirements of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023. Management is responsible for the Council's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Council's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether management's assertion about compliance with the specified requirements is fairly stated, in all material respects. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether management's assertion is fairly stated, in all material respects. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material misstatement of management's assertion, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the Council's compliance with the specified requirements.

In our opinion, the Council complied in all material respects with Section 218.415 Florida Statutes for fiscal year ended September 30, 2023.



Hollywood, Florida
June 30, 2024



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #IV.F

DATE: JULY 15, 2024

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: FY 2024 – 2025 MEMBERSHIP FEES

The Council is required to certify membership fees for the upcoming fiscal year to our member counties by August 1st of each year. For 28 years (May 1994 to July 2021), the per capita rate was held steady by the Council at \$.175 per capita. In July 2021, the Council voted to begin a gradual increase over a period of five years of the per capita rate. The FY22/23 rate was set at \$.20 per capita and with a scheduled increase of \$.0125 per capita for the following four years to reach \$.25 per capita in FY26/27. On April 17, 2023, the Council voted to add an additional \$.0125 per year to reach \$.30 by FY 26/27.

These funds are needed to maintain and increase Council services to our member local governments. In FY 24/25, the Council’s dues rate will continue to be among the lowest of the regional planning councils. Council staff uses the resident population projections for April 1, 2025 (the mid-point of the Council’s fiscal year) prepared by the Florida Legislature’s Office of Economic and Demographic Research (EDR). The table below shows the projected resident population for April 1, 2025, and the corresponding fees for each county at the historic rate of \$0.25 cents per capita.

Population Estimate (Residents)	FY 2024-2025 April 1, 2025	FY 2023 – 24 Dues \$0.225 /capita	FY 2024 -25 Dues \$0.25 / capita
Broward	2,006,705	\$450,137.03	\$501,676.25
Miami-Dade	2,813,964	\$630,625.95	\$703,491.00
Monroe	85,437	\$19,107.45	\$21,359.25
South Florida	4,906,106	\$ 1,099,870.43	\$ 1,226,526.50

Source: Based on the results from the Florida Demographic Estimating Conference, November 2023 and UF, BEBR, Florida Population Studies, Volume 57, Bulletin 198, January 2024 medium county projections.

Recommendation: Approve the Council Dues for FY 2024 – 2025



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Regional Planning Council		2023-24 Per Capita Rate
Apalachee		\$6,000 base; \$.07/capita (counties only)
Central Florida	.37	\$0.37/capita (counties only)
East Central Florida	.21	\$0.2089/capita (counties only)
Emerald Coast		Base fees for counties and cities vary plus \$0.10/capita
North Central Florida	.30	\$0.30/capita
Northeast Florida	.41	\$0.41/capita (counties only)
South Florida	.225	\$0.225 / capita (counties only)
Southwest Florida	.30	\$0.30/capita (counties only)
Tampa Bay	.32	\$2,000 base fee for cities; \$0.32/capita for counties
Treasure Coast	.43	\$0.43/capita (counties only)

Regional Convenings (Completed)

- March 18, 2022: SFRPC / TCRPC Joint Council Meeting
- May 9, 2022: CEDS Strategy Committee Meeting
- May 26, 2022: Drive Green Fleet Expo 2022
- September 16, 2022: Mayors' Regional Affordable Housing Conversation (Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties)
- October 21, 2022: SFRPC / TCRPC Joint Conference on Solid Waste Management
- February 17, 2023: SFRPC / TCRPC Joint Council Meeting
- February 27-28, 2023: Hosted Southeast United States Clean Cities Annual Meeting
- March 17, 2023: SFRPC Striding Forward: First & Last Mile Innovation in the Region
- Follow-up regional collaboration on Solid Waste Management
- Follow-up regional collaboration on Affordable Housing
- September 11, 2023: CEDS Strategy Committee Meeting
- September 29, 2023: Southeast Florida County Mayors' Affordable Housing Conversation
- October 25, 2023: CEDS Strategy Committee Meeting
- October 27, 2023: SFRPC / TCRPC Joint Conference on Recycling
- January 17, 2024: CEDS Strategy Committee Meeting
- March 15, 2024: SFRPC / TCRPC Joint Council Meeting
- April 15, 2024: SFRPC / TCRPC Florida's Coral Reef Work Group
- April 17, 2024: CEDS Strategy Committee Meeting
- May 31, 2024: SFRPC Regional Conference on Mental Health and Housing
- South Florida MIRR Phase I Assessment and Outreach
- South Florida MIRR Phase II implementation meetings (ongoing)

Upcoming:

- Follow-up regional collaboration on Mental Health and Housing
- CEDS Committee Meeting
- Update of the Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida

- SFRPC / TCRPC Joint Conference. Topic TBD

2025

- SFRPC / TCRPC Joint Council Meeting.
- SFRPC Regional Conference. Topic TBD
- SFRPC / TCRPC Joint Conference. Topic TBD

**South Florida Counties
SFRPC Membership Fees
Fiscal Year 2024-25**

	FY 23-24	FY 24-25*
Population Estimate (EDR / BEBR)	April 1, 2024	April 1, 2025
Broward	2,000,609	2,006,705
Miami-Dade	2,802,782	2,813,964
Monroe	84,922	85,437
South Florida	4,888,313	4,906,106
-		
<u>Membership Fees / Per Capita Rate</u>	\$0.225	\$0.25
-	FY23-24	FY24-25
Broward	\$450,137.03	\$501,676.25
Miami-Dade	\$630,625.95	\$703,491.00
Monroe	\$19,107.45	\$21,359.25
South Florida	\$1,099,870.43	\$1,226,526.50

Sources:

US Bureau of the Census

University of Florida's Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR)

Florida Legislature's Office of Economic and Demographic Research (EDR)

* FY 2024-25 membership fees based on the projected population for April 1, 2025 (mid-point of Council's Fiscal Year)

Florida Demographic Estimating Conference, November 2023 and UF, BEBR, Florida Population Studies, Volume 57, Bulletin 198, Jan 2040 Medium County Projections

Total County Population: April 1, 1970 - 2050*

County / State	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Alachua	284,607	287,872	293,040	297,494	300,783	304,003	307,317	310,648	313,894	316,957
Baker	28,692	27,881	28,339	28,784	28,933	29,105	29,344	29,626	29,923	30,210
Bay	178,282	184,002	187,545	189,556	191,016	192,470	194,001	195,573	197,134	198,636
Bradford	27,955	27,013	27,389	27,686	27,677	27,698	27,795	27,940	28,100	28,247
Brevard	616,742	627,544	640,773	650,942	658,254	665,381	672,749	680,213	687,560	694,598
Broward	1,955,375	1,969,099	1,973,579	1,987,270	2,006,705	2,024,540	2,039,841	2,053,243	2,065,186	2,076,176
Calhoun	13,683	13,740	13,816	13,843	13,835	13,831	13,835	13,847	13,861	13,873
Charlotte	190,570	196,742	204,126	208,721	211,348	214,047	217,109	220,383	223,699	226,889
Citrus	155,615	158,009	162,240	164,965	166,370	167,860	169,626	171,552	173,507	175,366
Clay	221,440	225,553	231,042	235,332	238,491	241,602	244,835	248,125	251,388	254,540
Collier	382,680	390,912	399,480	406,913	413,299	419,504	425,657	431,693	437,507	443,006
Columbia	69,809	71,525	72,191	72,697	73,279	73,800	74,252	74,656	75,026	75,377
DeSoto	34,031	34,748	34,974	35,063	35,158	35,244	35,323	35,395	35,462	35,526
Dixie	16,804	16,988	17,271	17,442	17,520	17,602	17,701	17,810	17,921	18,024
Duval	1,016,809	1,033,533	1,051,278	1,068,201	1,083,167	1,097,550	1,111,550	1,125,057	1,137,853	1,149,751
Escambia	324,458	329,583	333,452	336,506	339,070	341,442	343,690	345,821	347,814	349,651
Flagler	119,662	124,202	130,756	135,001	137,398	139,957	142,951	146,220	149,584	152,874
Franklin	12,364	12,729	12,971	13,163	13,347	13,521	13,684	13,839	13,986	14,126
Gadsden	43,813	43,967	44,421	44,581	44,490	44,426	44,428	44,473	44,537	44,595
Gilchrist	18,126	18,841	19,123	19,340	19,593	19,830	20,046	20,245	20,431	20,607
Glades	12,130	12,273	12,591	12,714	12,689	12,680	12,708	12,762	12,826	12,887
Gulf	14,824	15,938	16,323	16,505	16,708	16,895	17,062	17,213	17,353	17,485
Hamilton	13,226	13,395	13,671	13,770	13,780	13,795	13,827	13,870	13,917	13,959
Hardee	25,269	25,544	25,645	25,674	25,684	25,694	25,706	25,720	25,734	25,744
Hendry	40,540	40,633	40,895	41,209	41,454	41,689	41,925	42,158	42,381	42,591
Hernando	196,540	199,207	204,265	207,970	210,306	212,639	215,171	217,813	220,452	222,985
Highlands	102,065	103,102	104,385	105,231	105,698	106,167	106,695	107,255	107,809	108,324
Hillsborough	1,490,374	1,520,529	1,541,531	1,566,520	1,593,916	1,619,777	1,643,654	1,665,945	1,686,885	1,706,761
Holmes	19,665	19,784	19,910	19,968	19,974	19,982	20,000	20,024	20,051	20,075
Indian River	161,702	165,559	167,781	170,255	173,091	175,746	178,155	180,373	182,438	184,391
Jackson	47,198	48,395	48,982	49,179	49,269	49,360	49,468	49,588	49,709	49,820
Jefferson	14,590	14,923	15,402	15,602	15,604	15,625	15,695	15,795	15,907	16,010
Lafayette	7,937	7,808	8,074	8,203	8,191	8,194	8,232	8,294	8,364	8,430
Lake	400,142	403,857	414,749	425,867	434,881	443,713	452,644	461,537	470,212	478,499
Lee	782,579	802,178	800,989	813,215	835,889	856,178	872,456	885,882	897,525	908,482
Leon	295,921	299,130	301,724	304,275	306,626	308,872	311,047	313,166	315,213	317,182
Levy	43,577	44,288	45,283	45,915	46,243	46,589	46,999	47,446	47,900	48,335
Liberty	7,464	7,831	7,977	8,000	8,021	8,041	8,058	8,075	8,091	8,105
Madison	18,122	18,438	18,698	18,778	18,745	18,724	18,733	18,761	18,797	18,827
Manatee	411,209	421,768	439,566	452,002	459,471	467,134	475,724	484,865	494,130	503,107
Marion	381,176	391,983	403,966	411,901	417,101	422,416	428,241	434,354	440,491	446,399
Martin	159,053	161,655	162,847	164,153	165,734	167,214	168,552	169,789	170,949	172,063
Miami-Dade	2,731,939	2,757,592	2,768,954	2,788,911	2,813,964	2,837,384	2,858,298	2,877,262	2,894,539	2,910,514
Monroe	83,411	83,961	84,511	85,017	85,437	85,823	86,187	86,526	86,837	87,112
Nassau	93,012	95,809	100,763	103,991	105,725	107,547	109,673	111,979	114,328	116,587
Okaloosa	213,204	215,751	219,260	222,367	224,924	227,377	229,797	232,160	234,420	236,536
Okeechobee	39,148	39,385	39,591	39,700	39,762	39,818	39,875	39,934	39,990	40,043
Orange	1,457,940	1,481,321	1,492,951	1,516,359	1,547,210	1,575,857	1,601,076	1,623,720	1,644,482	1,664,103
Osceola	406,460	424,946	439,225	453,972	469,033	483,198	496,379	508,756	520,462	531,640
Palm Beach	1,502,495	1,518,152	1,532,718	1,549,685	1,567,465	1,584,500	1,600,573	1,615,780	1,630,059	1,643,399
Pasco	575,891	592,669	610,743	625,134	636,578	647,824	659,309	670,881	682,322	693,433
Pinellas	964,490	972,852	974,689	977,859	982,240	986,012	989,031	991,560	993,768	995,858
Polk	748,365	770,019	797,616	818,116	832,384	846,637	861,793	877,438	893,067	908,203
Putnam	73,673	74,249	75,906	76,581	76,443	76,401	76,573	76,880	77,238	77,560
St. Johns	285,533	296,919	315,317	328,699	337,375	346,139	355,684	365,674	375,735	385,504
St. Lucie	340,060	350,518	368,628	379,903	385,443	391,505	398,925	407,178	415,704	423,946
Santa Rosa	191,911	196,834	202,772	207,677	211,644	215,545	219,500	223,437	227,263	230,891
Sarasota	441,508	452,378	464,223	472,815	478,983	485,041	491,342	497,744	504,056	510,101
Seminole	477,455	484,054	486,839	491,466	497,419	502,964	507,879	512,314	516,366	520,151
Sumter	134,593	141,420	155,318	163,306	166,472	170,012	174,632	179,915	185,424	190,729
Suwannee	43,676	44,688	45,448	45,887	46,167	46,445	46,744	47,052	47,353	47,634
Taylor	20,957	21,375	21,686	21,811	21,887	21,958	22,033	22,109	22,184	22,255
Union	15,799	15,550	16,137	16,441	16,428	16,443	16,534	16,672	16,832	16,984
Volusia	563,358	572,815	583,505	592,203	598,919	605,406	611,956	618,483	624,846	630,921
Wakulla	34,311	35,169	36,168	36,883	37,378	37,866	38,379	38,905	39,426	39,928
Walton	77,941	79,544	83,342	86,307	88,260	90,196	92,259	94,382	96,485	98,493
Washington	24,995	25,461	25,497	25,610	25,852	26,061	26,216	26,336	26,436	26,530
Florida	21,898,945	22,276,132	22,634,867	22,977,106	23,292,200	23,594,496	23,887,133	24,170,121	24,441,129	24,698,545

*Projections begin in 2024.

Based on the results from the Florida Demographic Estimating Conference, November 2023 and UF, BEBR, Florida Population Studies, Volume 57, Bulletin 198, January 2024 medium county projections.



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM # V.A

DATE: JULY 15, 2024

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: SFRPC REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS STATUS REPORT

The South Florida Regional Planning Council Revolving Loan Program has historically served the needs of businesses that are not entirely served by conventional lenders, with an emphasis on applicants who have been denied credit by a conventional lender. As such, the Council's RLF loans are considered riskier than conventional loans. The Loan Administration Board may charge a higher interest rate to a particular borrower depending on the risk factors of that loan. In addition, most loan payments are due on the first day of each month until maturity.

Attached for your review is the Revolving Loan Fund Status Report. In reviewing the attached status report, please note that the borrowers' loan agreements provide a fifteen (15) day grace period in which they can make their payments without a five percent late charge penalty. This status report is generated fifteen (15) days prior to the end of the month. Council staff routinely makes phone calls and sends past due notices to past due accounts after ten (10) and fifteen (15) days.

The Council policy on loan amounts and the structure of the loans for each loan program is:

"Loan amounts may range from \$25,000 to \$500,000. Borrowers seeking more than one loan may not exceed \$500,000 in aggregate. Loans may be used for funding up to 100 percent of a project, provided that bank or conventional financing is unavailable, and that equity is nonexistent or is otherwise needed for cash flow. In cases where limited financing from a private/traditional source is available, loans can be used as supplemental or "second mortgage" funds. Second positions on collateral may be acceptable so long as the prior lien holder is a lending institution."

Please find attached Legal Counsel's South Florida Regional Planning Council ("SFRPC") / Revolving Loan Fund report on legal action that has been taken to collect on delinquent accounts.



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Payment Status Report

Traditional RLF Payment Status Report

Loan	Company /Borrower	Amount	Disbursed	Pmts	Rate	Last Activity	Last Balance	Paid Thru	Days Late	Last Activity	Next Pay Due	Loan Date	Maturity Date	Board Action
█	█	300,000.00	300,000.00	240	7.0	2,709.36	275,101.12	06/01/2024	0	06/03/2024	07/01/2024	01/08/04	09/01/39	performing
█	█	301,586.50	301,586.50	120	5.0	350.00	161,715.88	06/01/2024	0	06/03/2024	07/01/2024	07/19/06	03/01/29	performing
█	█	125,000.00	125,000.00	84	5.0	500.00	119,582.53	06/01/2024	0	06/27/2024	07/01/2024	11/24/08	12/31/15	performing
█	█	200,000.00	200,000.00	84	5.0	1,472.32	55,121.30	06/01/2024	0	06/03/2024	07/01/2024	02/02/09	08/01/28	performing
█	█	189,043.88	189,043.88	144	0.0	500.00	94,000.00	06/25/2024	0	06/03/2024	07/25/2024	07/26/99	12/01/16	Default Final Judgment
█	█	300,000.00	300,000.00	0	5.0	750.00	152,758.69	06/12/2024	0	06/12/2024	07/12/2024	07/31/09	03/31/39	performing
█	█	150,000.00	150,000.00	84	6.0	0.00	144,598.41	12/01/2015	3103	10/22/2020	01/01/2016	07/12/13	08/01/20	In Litigation - Refer to RLF Status Report
█	█	235,000.00	235,000.00	240	5.0	2,000.00	153,009.07	06/01/2024	0	06/25/2024	07/01/2024	04/16/14	05/01/26	performing
█	█	149,500.00	149,500.00	120	5.0	1,590.98	41,276.46	06/01/2024	0	06/04/2024	07/01/2024	12/15/15	12/15/25	performing
█	█	75,000.00	75,000.00	1	0.0	0.00	74,994.72	04/01/2019	1887	04/12/2019	05/01/2019	11/17/16	09/30/19	Default - collateral workout
█	█	75,000.00	75,000.00	1	0.0	0.00	75,000.00	04/01/2019	1887	04/12/2019	05/01/2019	12/14/16	09/30/19	Default - collateral workout
█	█	332,972.82	332,972.82	111	6.5	2,000.00	321,849.33	06/01/2024	0	06/03/2024	07/01/2024	09/28/17	08/01/28	performing
█	█	300,000.55	300,000.55	120	7.0	3,577.27	174,219.12	06/01/2024	0	06/03/2024	07/01/2024	10/24/18	11/01/28	performing
█	█	254,999.57	254,999.57	84	7.0	0.00	187,832.65	10/15/2023	228	10/12/2023	11/15/2023	10/25/18	10/25/25	In Legal

Loan	Company /Borrower	Amount	Disbursed	Pmts	Rate	Last Activity	Last Balance	Paid Thru	Days Late	Last Activity	Next Pay Due	Loan Date	Maturity Date	Board Action
█	██████████	84,506.66	84,506.66	84	7.0	0.00	71,412.80	08/01/2022	668	08/01/2022	09/01/2022	01/03/19	01/03/26	Default Final Judgment
█	██████████	248,684.03	248,684.03	84	7.0	375.00	16,646.57	06/01/2024	0	06/03/2024	07/01/2024	03/05/19	04/01/26	performing
█	██████████	549,223.30	549,223.30	84	7.0	375.00	481,344.60	06/01/2024	0	06/03/2024	07/01/2024	03/05/19	04/01/26	performing
█	██████████	173,904.64	173,904.64	84	5.0	1,750.00	118,199.26	06/01/2024	0	06/03/2024	07/01/2024	03/28/19	03/28/26	performing
█	██████████	99,885.78	99,885.78	60	7.0	1,500.00	43,421.18	06/01/2024	0	06/03/2024	07/01/2024	03/28/19	04/01/24	performing
█	██████████	200,000.00	200,000.00	84	7.0	0.00	196,815.27	08/01/2022	668	08/01/2022	09/01/2022	03/12/20	04/01/27	Default Final Judgment
█	██████████	400,000.00	400,000.00	84	7.0	0.00	389,882.46	10/15/2023	228	10/12/2023	11/15/2023	09/23/19	09/23/26	In Legal
█	██████████	200,000.00	200,000.00	120	4.5	2,322.17	138,443.50	06/01/2024	0	06/03/2024	07/01/2024	04/22/21	04/01/31	performing
█	██████████	130,000.00	130,000.00	120	4.5	1,347.30	93,947.58	06/01/2024	0	06/03/2024	07/01/2024	03/22/21	03/01/31	performing
█	██████████	100,000.00	100,000.00	60	5.0	100.00	84,727.84	06/01/2024	0	06/03/2024	07/01/2024	10/06/22	10/01/27	Modification
█	██████████	349,497.00	98,668.75	60	4.5	352.00	91,908.75	06/01/2024	0	06/03/2024	07/01/2024	02/23/23	03/01/28	performing
█	██████████	331,700.00	80,271.75	60	4.5	301.00	78,766.75	06/01/2024	0	06/03/2024	07/01/2024	02/23/23	03/01/28	performing
█	██████████	331,700.00	85,566.75	60	4.5	321.00	83,961.75	06/01/2024	0	06/03/2024	07/01/2024	02/23/23	03/01/28	performing
Totals		6,187,204.73	5,438,814.98			24,193.40	3,920,537.59							

LIST OF COMMITTED TRADITIONAL RLF FUNDS
June 30, 2024

Loan #	Company Name	Committed	Commitment Date	Disbursed	Disbursement Date	Disbursed	Disbursement Date	Disbursed	Disbursement Date	Disbursed	Disbursement Date	Remaining Commitment
█	█	336,600	11/15/2021	13,668	3/2/2023	4,943.75	5/23/2023	32,390	8/1/2023	29,770	10/3/2023	\$ 255,828.25
█	█	331,700	11/15/2021	13,668	3/2/2023	4,943.75	5/23/2023	32,390	8/1/2023	29,270	10/3/2023	\$ 251,428.25
█	█	331,700	11/15/2021	13,668	3/2/2023	4,943.75	5/23/2023	30,390	8/1/2023	36,565	10/3/2023	\$ 246,133.25
TOTAL		\$1,000,000		\$ 41,004		\$ 14,831.25		\$95,170.00		\$ 95,605.00		\$ 753,389.75

Cash Available to Lend												
Bank Balance as of	6/30/2024											\$ 1,272,030.67
Committed Funds												
Unfunded Loan Commitments	\$ 753,390											
Administrative Fees	10,919.25											
Total Committed Funds												\$ 764,309.00
Total Uncommitted Funds												\$ 507,721.67

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July 1, 2024

VIA E-MAIL (isabelc@sfrpc.com)

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South Florida Regional Planning Council
Oakwood Business Center
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Re: South Florida Regional Planning Council ("SFRPC") / Revolving Loan Fund Status Report

Dear Ms. Carballo:

Below please find the status of the Revolving Loan Fund cases which have been brought on behalf of the SFRPC. This shall confirm that once a judgment is obtained and recorded, our office has been instructed to take no further action, other than to re-record specified judgments, as requested, in a timely fashion. We have therefore removed all of the "Closed Cases" from this list. In the future, once a judgment is obtained and recorded relative to cases appearing on this list, they will be removed from this list.

**1. SFRPC (SFRPC Account #4018 and #1042) v. Angela Dawson, P.A.
(Our File No. 9940547)**

Complaint filed with the Court on May 7, 2018. Dawson filed a motion to recuse (remove) the judge, so litigation was delayed. Dawson filed an Answer and Counterclaim, which SFRPC moved to strike. Order entered approving our Motion to Strike Dawson's Affirmative Defenses and our Motion to Dismiss Dawson's Counterclaim. Dawson's Amended Counterclaim and Amended Answers and Affirmative Defenses were due on April 26, 2019. Dawson failed to file the pleadings by the deadline, and SFRPC filed a Motion for Summary Judgment. The hearing on the Motion for Summary Judgment was scheduled, and then reset at Dawson's request for October 23, 2019. A Motion for Judicial Default against Dawson was filed on October 25, 2019.

SFRPC requested an Amended Complaint to add a foreclosure count. A Motion to Amend Complaint was filed and there were two (2) initial hearings on the motion. Both times, the Court

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delayed a ruling on the motions, pending mediation. Ultimately, SFRPC set the hearing on the Motion to Amend Complaint six separate times, and each time the hearing was continued either due to the Judge ordering mediation or due to Dawson' requests for a continuance. The seventh time the Motion to Amend was set for a hearing, the Court granted SFRPC's motion and allowed SFRPC to Amend the Complaint to add the foreclosure count.

A Motion to Strike Defendants First Amended Affirmative Defenses was filed on November 13, 2019. A Motion to Dismiss Dawson's Counterclaim was filed on December 19, 2019. On June 15, 2020 a hearing was set for the court to hear SFRPC's Motion for Judicial Default, Motion for Leave to File Amended Complaint, Motion to Strike Defendants' First Amended Affirmative Defenses and Motion to Dismiss Counterclaim. Dawson filed a new Counterclaim and new Answer and Affirmative Defenses just prior to the hearing, which the court accepted in place of the defective pleadings. SFRPC's motions were denied due to the court accepting the replacement pleadings. Dawson filed various additional pleadings, including an Affidavit of Excusable Neglect and an Affidavit from Ed McGann. Dawson filed a Request for Production on June 8, 2020, requesting a significant volume of documents which are unrelated to the pending litigation. SFRPC's objection to the discovery request was filed on July 8, 2020.

Litigation of this matter has been extended and complicated by the volume of pleadings filed by Ms. Dawson; each pleading requires a response from SFRPC. Mediation occurred on October 29, 2020 before Judge Lynch. The parties were not able to reach a settlement at mediation.

Since the Court was encouraging the parties to mediate, SFRPC staff focused on attempting to settle with Dawson and to manage the costs of litigation by bringing this matter to a conclusion through settlement. With that intent, SFRPC made multiple offers and counter-offers to Ms. Dawson. As a follow-up to mediation, on November 3, 2020 and January 27, 2021, SFRPC sent a written settlement offer to Dawson and her attorney. SFRPC followed up again with written settlement offer to Dawson and her attorney on March 8, 2021. SFRPC made significant concessions and reductions of the late fees in a good faith attempt to settle the matter without further litigation. Despite SFRPC's multiple concessions, Ms. Dawson would not agree to any of the SFRPC's settlement proposals. Dawson submitted a Counteroffer which was transmitted to SFRPC on March 12, 2021. Per RLF Committee, the decision was made to proceed with the litigation.

The hearing on SFRPC's Motion to Amend the Complaint was set for June 24, 2021. At that hearing, the Court continued the hearing to September 2, 2021. SFRPC's Motion to Amend Complaint was granted and the Defendants had 20 days to file a response to the Amended Complaint. On September 3, 2021, the Court also entered an Order granting Dawson's request to file an Amended Counterclaim in response to SFRPC's Amended Complaint. On September 22, 2021, Defendants, Angela L. Dawson, P.A. and Angela Dawson filed their Answer to Plaintiff's Amended Complaint dated June 23, 2021. On October 1, 2021, SFRPC filed a Motion to Strike

Dawson's Second Amended Affirmative Defenses. On October 15, 2021, a hearing on the Motion to Strike was scheduled for January 26, 2022. On January 26, 2022, the court ordered a Mandatory Case Management Conference to be held on March 28, 2022.

On February 2, 2022, the Court entered an order on the Motion to Strike as follows: Defendants' first affirmative defense of in pari delicto is stricken without prejudice; Defendants' second affirmative defense of bad faith is stricken with leave to amend within twenty (20) days of the date of this Order; Defendants' fourth affirmative defense of fraudulent inducement is stricken with prejudice; Defendants' fifth affirmative defense of fraudulent misrepresentation is stricken with prejudice; Defendants' seventh affirmative defense of unjust enrichment is stricken with prejudice; Defendants' eleventh affirmative defense of ratification is stricken with leave to amend within twenty (20) days of the date of the Order. Plaintiff's Motion to Strike Defendants' Amended Affirmative Defenses was hereby denied as to the following affirmative defenses: Defendants' third affirmative defense of unclean hands; Defendants' sixth affirmative defense of promissory estoppel; Defendants' eighth affirmative defense of modification; Defendants' ninth affirmative defense of equitable estoppel; and Defendants' tenth affirmative defense of waiver.

Our Motion to dismiss the Defendants' amended counterclaim was set for hearing on May 4, 2022 at 9:30 am. On February 9, 2022, Plaintiff filed a reply to Defendants' affirmative defenses. On February 15, 2022, Defendants filed amended affirmative defenses. On February 22, 2022, Plaintiff filed a reply to the amended affirmative defenses.

On March 25, 2022, SFRPC responded to Dawson's request for a settlement offer, renewed the prior settlement dated November 30, 2020, and left it open for ninety (90) days. As of June 23, 2022, the settlement offer expired. On August 22, 2022, the SFRPC settlement offer was once again offered to Ms. Dawson with an expiration date of December 1, 2022. The settlement offer expired.

On May 4, 2022, the Court entered an Order for Uniform Case Management to be held August 22, 2022. On May 4, 2022, Judge Bidwell granted SFRPC's Motion to Dismiss Dawson's Counterclaim as to all counts. However, the Judge provided Dawson twenty (20) days to amend her complaint.

On May 23, 2022, Defendant served pre-suit notice on the Council and the Florida Department of Financial Services. On May 24, 2022, Defendant filed a Third Amended Counterclaim which was later deemed abandoned by the Clerk's office. On May 31, 2022, without permission of the Court, Defendant filed a Fourth Amended Counterclaim. On June 3, 2022, SFRPC filed a Motion to Dismiss Dawson's Third and Fourth Amended Counterclaims with Prejudice. A hearing on the SFRPC's Motion to Dismiss was scheduled for Friday, December 2, 2022. On June 30, 2022, Dawson filed an emergency motion with the Court asking the Court to require SFRPC to release its mortgage cross collateralized against 2748 NW 8th St. Fort Lauderdale. On July 6, 2022, SFRPC

filed a response to the Emergency Motion. On July 7, 2022, Dawson filed a Notice of Production from Non-party for Old Republic National Title Insurance Company and Alfred Andreu. On July 7, 2022, SFRPC filed a request for copies of records for Alfred Andreu and Old Republic National Title Insurance Company. On July 8, 2022, Ms. Dawson submitted a Public Records request to SFRPC. SFRPC has responded to Ms. Dawson. Ms. Dawson had until July 13, 2022 to send SFRPC the requested deposit of \$600.00 in order for SFRPC to start retrieving and reviewing documents. As of today's date, Ms. Dawson has not paid the deposit.

On August 22, 2022, the Court held a Case Management Conference. Ms. Dawson and her Co-counsel were not present. On October 10, 2022, another mandatory Case Management Conference was held. Ms. Dawson informed the court that she would be filing a motion for leave to amend based on new information from Benworth Capital. Copies have been requested through a filing, as of today's date, nothing has been received.

On November 29, 2022, the Defendant filed a Motion to Join Indispensable Parties and a Motion for Leave to Amend Complaint to Add Parties. On November 30, 2022, the Defendant filed a Notice of Filing Proposed Fifth Amended Counter Claim as Exhibit for Motion for Leave to Amend Complaint to Add Alfred F. Andreu P.A., Benworth Capital Partners LLC, and Old Republic National Title Insurance Company. Shortly before the hearing on the SFRPC's Motion to Dismiss on December 2, 2022, Ms. Dawson called our office and the Judge's office informing she was in the hospital. The hearing did not proceed and the Court scheduled another Case Management Conference on December 8, 2022. On December 7, 2022, SFRPC filed its Response in Objection to Defendants Motions to Join Indispensable Parties and for Leave to Amend Counterclaim. On December 8, 2022, pursuant to the Court's direction at the Case Management Conference, a Notice of Hearing was filed, scheduling the pending motions for December 20, 2022. On December 9, 2022, SFRPC filed its Response to Defendant's Motion for Disqualification. On December 18, 2022, Dawson filed a Motion to Withdraw Counter Plaintiff's Third Amended Counter Claims dated May 24, 2022.

At the December 20, 2022 Special Set Hearing, the Court again requested that the matter be scheduled for a Case Management Conference on January 30, 2023. The Court denied Defendants Motion to Join Benworth as an indispensable party and denied Defendants Motion to amend complaint to add Benworth and Old Republic Title Co. The Court also directed both parties to prepare and submit proposed orders for the Court to review for determination on SFRPC's Motion to Dismiss Dawson's Fourth Amended Counterclaim. On December 21, 2022, SFRPC filed its Proposed Order granting SFRPC's Motion. On January 29, 2023, the Court entered an Order denying Ms. Dawson's Motion to Join Indispensable Parties and Motion to Amend Complaint. At the January 30, 2023 Case Management Conference, the Judge informed the Parties that he is working on his order on SFRPC's Motion to Dismiss Dawson's Fourth Counterclaim with prejudice.

SFRPC served Ms. Dawson its First Set of Interrogatories, Request for Production and Request for Admissions. Ms. Dawson responded and we are currently reviewing her responses. Also, we are drafting SFRPC's motion for summary judgment. On May 29, 2023, the Court entered its Order regarding SFRPC's Motion to Dismiss Dawson's Fourth Amended Counterclaim as follows: Granting in part with prejudice as to Count 1, Breach of Contract; Count 2, Detrimental Reliance; Count 3, Promissory Estoppel; Count 9, Unjust Enrichment; Count 10, Equitable Estoppel; and Count 11, Modification and Count 12, Retaliation; and denying in part as to Count 4, Negligent Supervision; Count 5, Negligence Retention; Count 6, Negligence; Count 7, Fraudulent Inducement; Count 8, Fraudulent Misrepresentation; and Count 13, Slander of Title. SFRPC's answer to the remaining counts of the Fourth Amended counterclaim is due within 20 days. On May 30, 2023, the Court entered a Uniform Case Management Order which is scheduled for August 21, 2023. On June 16, 2023, we filed SPRPC's Answer and Affirmative Defenses. On August 10, 2023, we filed SFRPC's Motion for Final Summary Judgment . On August 20, 2023, Dawson filed a Motion to Transfer and Consolidate and a Motion to Strike Counter Defendant's Affirmative Defenses to Fourth Amended Counterclaim and Memorandum of Law. Ms. Dawson is seeking to consolidate the Equity Partners 102 case (below) with this case. SFRPC's Hearing for its Motion for Final Summary Judgment is scheduled for February 9, 2024. Also, Dawson's Hearing is scheduled for September 29, 2023. On August 25, 2023, we filed SFRPC's Response and Amended Response in Objection to Dawson's Motion to Strike Affirmative Defenses. On August 25, 2023, we filed SFRPC's Response in Objection to Ms. Dawson's Motion to Transfer and Consolidate cases.

On September 27, 2023, Dawson filed their Response to SFRPC's Response in Objection to the Motion to Transfer and Consolidate. At the September 29th hearing, the Judge scheduled a Case Management Conference for October 31st. An Order denying Dawson's Motion to Strike SFRPC's Affirmative Defenses and to Consolidate the Cases was entered by the Court. Dawson has 10 days to file a reply. On October 10, 2023, Dawson filed a Motion for Clarification as to how the Court can Reconcile its' Ruling on May 29, 2023 and September 29, 2023. Ms. Dawson was unable to attend the October 31, 2023 Hearing and it is rescheduled for November 13, 2023. At the November 13, 2023 Hearing, the case was set for non-jury trial with a trial period commencing November 4, 2024 to November 21, 2024. Calendar Call is scheduled for October 25, 2024.

On November 29, 2023, SFRPC filed its Motion to Dispense with Mediation as the case has been previously mediated on October 29, 2020. The hearing is scheduled for January 16, 2024. Also, SFRPC's Motion for Final Summary Judgment was scheduled to be heard by the court on February 9, 2024. On January 11, 2024, Dawson filed a Response to SFRPC's Motion to Dispense with Mediation requesting the Court follow its Uniform Trial Order. On January 19, 2024, the Court granted SFRPC's Motion to Dispense with Mediation. On February 4, 2024, Dawson filed a Response to SFRPC Motion for Summary Judgment. On February 7, 2024, Defendant filed an Emergency Motion for Continuance of the Summary Judgment Motion as she had a family

emergency. On February 8, 2024, SFRPC filed its Response in Objection to Defendants' Emergency Motion. Defendant filed their response to SFRPC's Objection later that same day. The Court entered an Order Granting the Emergency Motion, resetting the hearing for March 8, 2024 and advising Ms. Dawson to make all necessary arrangements to appear for the hearing, and to have alternative counsel available should she be unavailable. As of today, the Judge is still reviewing SFRPC's MSJ and has not entered an order. On March 15, 2024, SFRPC filed a Motion to Stay the Requirements in the Trial Order and the hearing was scheduled for April 25, 2024. On April 20, 2024, Dawson filed a Response to SFRPC's Motion to Stay Requirements in Trial Order. At the April 25, 2024 hearing, the Court granted SFRPC's Motion to Stay until June 10, 2024. The Court also entered an UMC Order, with a Case Management Conference scheduled for June 10, 2024. On June 27, 2024, the court entered a judicial sua sponte order providing that the deadlines on the Trial Order remain stayed until the Court enters a ruling on SFRPC's Motion for Summary Judgment. As of today's date, the Court has not entered its decision on SFRPC's Motion for Summary Judgment

**2. SFRPC adv. Equity Partners 102, LLC
(Our File No. 9940633)**

Equity Partners 102 foreclosure complaint was filed with the Court on July 13, 2023. On July 24, 2023, SFRPC filed an Answer and did not assert affirmative defenses. Equity Partners seeks to foreclose its first mortgage against Ms. Dawson's real property located at 2748 NW 8th St. Fort Lauderdale, FL. We will monitor the case in the event that surplus funds become available. On September 5, 2023, a hearing on Plaintiff Equity Partners' Motion for Order to Show Cause was scheduled. The Court deferred ruling on the entry of the foreclosure judgment. On September 20, 2023, SFRPC filed its motion for extension of time and a hearing is scheduled for October 9, 2023. On October 9, 2023, the Court entered an Agreed Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion to Dismiss Defendant's Counterclaim, and gave the defendant until October 30th to file an amended counterclaim as to all counts. SFRPC's Motion for an extension of time was denied as it was moot because there will be an amended counterclaim filed at a later date. On October 23, 2023, the Court entered its Order regarding Plaintiff's Motion to strike Defendant's Affirmative Defenses as follows: Count 5 and Count 11 are not stricken and therefore denied; Count 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 are stricken without prejudice with leave to amend; and Count 2 is stricken as this matter does not apply to Florida Statute 559.715. There is a UMC scheduled for May 15, 2024. On April 25, 2024, Plaintiff filed its Motion for Summary Final Judgment, Affidavit in Support of MSFJ, Affidavit of Attorney Fees and Costs, and Affidavit of Reasonable Attorney Fees. The Plaintiff's hearing for their Motion for Summary Final Judgment is scheduled for October 10, 2024.

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Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Kerry L. Ezrol

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 18, 2024

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THE SOUTHEAST FLORIDA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND, INC. EXPANDS AFFORDABLE HOUSING INITIATIVE WITH A \$900,000 COMMITMENT TO CONSTRUCT AFFORDABLE SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES WITHIN THE CITY OF WEST PARK, LOCATED IN BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

Through the leadership of the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC), the Southeast Florida Community Development Fund, Inc. (SFCDFI), has become recognized as a regional leader by the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO), governmental, public, and private entities by providing single-family affordable housing.

WEST PARK, FL, June 18, 2024 – The Southeast Florida Community Development Fund, Inc. (SFCDFI), has committed \$900,000 to the Housing Foundation of America, Inc. to help finance the construction of three affordable, single-family residential homes located in the City of West Park, Florida. Subject lots consist of lot 22 and lot 23 block 66 West Carver Ranches and lot 6 Block 53 West Carver Ranches.



Figure 1: Anthony McCray, Incom Roofing Inc.; Mayor Felicia Brunson, City of West Park; Chester Bishop, Housing Foundation of America, Inc.; Jeffrey Tart, SFRPC

The project is a collaborative effort among the SFCDFI, the City of West Park, the Housing Foundation of America, and the Housing Opportunities for Excellence, Inc. The SFCDFI is an independent 501(c)3 nonprofit organization whose primary mission is to promote community and economic development, access to capital for small businesses, and job creation.



Figure 2: Example of model home

The SFCDFI contracts with the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC) for lending expertise, loan management, and administrative and staff support.

Known as the West Park In-Fill Lot Affordable Housing Development Program, the program was launched in 2022 to

mirror the pilot Broward Municipal Services District (BMSD) In-Fill Lot Development Program. This program was designed to enhance and preserve neighborhoods by awarding lots and buyer down payment/purchase assistance funds to eligible developers or contractors to construct in-fill housing or develop single-family housing for resale within unincorporated Broward County.

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The three single-family homes, now under construction, will be available to pre-approved low- to moderate-income families. Each property will be energy efficient and encompass approximately 1,800 square feet with three bedrooms, bathrooms, a two-car garage, and a tile roof.

“The City of West Park’s In-Fill Lot Affordable Housing Program gives priority to first-time homeowners living in the City of West Park. The goal is to preserve the integrity of the neighborhood and encourage homeownership for city residents. Broward County has a housing affordability crisis, and it is refreshing to know that we have a partner who genuinely cares about the residents achieving the American dream of home ownership in our communities. The South Florida Regional Planning Council and its Affordable Housing Initiative is helping address this housing need.” ~ **Commissioner Beam Furr, Broward County Commissioner, District 6, SFRPC Board Member**

On June 7, 2022, the Broward County Commission approved an additional \$1,000,000 line of credit to the Southeast Florida Community Development Fund, Inc. to fund affordable housing projects in the county including the City of West Park’s affordable housing project for first-time homebuyers in Broward County. This is in addition to the existing \$1,000,000 revolving line of credit approved by the Housing Finance Authority (HFA) of Broward County in late 2019.

The SFCDI is supporting the development of much needed affordable housing with loans to all minority-owned businesses engaged in affordable housing development. The SFCDI is helping to address the affordable housing crisis in Broward County by providing the loans needed to build single-family homes for first-time minority homebuyers in low- and moderate-income census tracts in the Cities of Fort Lauderdale, Lauderhill, Lauderdale Lakes, and surrounding unincorporated Broward County.



Figure 3: Group photo at the groundbreaking ceremony on May 31, 2024

The SFCDI program partners with minority-owned businesses that focus on building affordable housing for low- and moderate-income residents in the market where traditional financing is not available for affordable housing. The SFCDI utilizes a revolving loan fund financing structure, a self-replenishing pool of money, utilizing interest and principal payments from repaid loans to issue new loans, meet current financing projects, and provide future sustainability.

For more information about the SFCDI’s Affordable Housing Initiative, please contact Jeffrey Tart, SFRPC/SFCDI Senior Loan Officer at 954.924.3653 or jtart@sfrpc.com.

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THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) AWARDS \$3.5 MILLION TO THE SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL'S BROWNFIELDS REVOLVING LOAN FUND

The Council was one of just 31 existing, high-performing Brownfield RLF Programs from throughout the entire country selected as a grant recipient by the Biden Administration.

HOLLYWOOD, FL, June 18, 2024 - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently announced the recipients of more than \$300 million in Brownfield Grants through the Biden Administration's Investing in America Agenda to rehabilitate and revitalize communities. In addition to the \$3,200,000 in EPA funds already awarded, the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC) was selected to receive an additional \$3,500,000 through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) because of its high-performing RLF Program to replenish the program's significantly depleted funds.

The investments are funded by the EPA's Brownfields Multipurpose, Assessment, and Cleanup (MAC) Grant Programs and Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grant Programs. The EPA issued 181 grant awards totaling \$231 million through EPA's MAC Grant Programs along with \$68 million in supplemental funding for 31 existing, high-performing Brownfields RLF Grant Programs, as well as the selection of Grow America, with an estimated \$3 million in grant funding.

The EPA's Brownfield Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfield sites. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

The SFRPC's RLF Program has successfully made loans leading to four cleanup projects that are either completed or in progress. Potential projects highlighted for use of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding include 1960 NW 27th Avenue in Miami and the old Baltuff Dump on Middle Torch Key. The BIL funding will extend the capacity of the program to provide funding for more cleanups in the most underserved and significantly disadvantaged communities in our region, such as:

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- **Park Road/Former Hollywood Incinerator Ash Dump (Hollywood, FL):** The Park Road redevelopment will result in the construction of 315 multifamily rental units, 40,000 square feet of commercial (grocery), and 31,000 square feet of commercial (general, retail with a gasoline station). The estimated investment (leverage) is \$71 million.
- **Claude Pepper Park (Miami, FL):** This multifamily redevelopment is named after the adjacent public park that is popular with sports lovers and features two basketball courts, 12 tennis courts, and three softball/baseball diamonds. Following the cleanup of an 11-acre former rock quarry, the redevelopment will construct 1,568 multifamily affordable rental units plus 180,000 square feet of retail/office space. The estimated private investment (leverage) is \$750 million.

“This former 30.5 acre contaminated public works site that was once known as the Hollywood Incinerator Ash Dump, has an opportunity to finally be transformed into a highly desirable mixed-use commercial and residential neighborhood supporting workforce housing in the Hollywood vicinity. The South Florida Regional Planning Council continues to be instrumental in seeking funding from the Environmental Protection Agency and other agencies to assist with impactful projects in our region.”

~ Senator Steve Geller, Broward County Commissioner, District 5, SFRPC Chair

“I am thankful to the Environmental Protection Agency for providing this grant for the cleanup and restoration of this land, which will now be available to increase the housing stock at a time when it is sorely needed.”

~Commissioner Beam Furr, Broward County Commissioner, District 6, SFRPC Board Member

To view the entire U.S. EPA award announcement to the SFRPC’s Brownfields RLF, as well as additional award recipients, please visit [2024 MAC and RLF Supplemental Grant Recipients](#).

To learn more about the SFRPC Brownfields Program or how to get involved, please contact Senior Loan Officer, Jeffrey Tart at 954.924.3653 or jtart@sfrpc.com. You may also visit our website at www.sfrpc.org.

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MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM # V.B

DATE: JULY 15, 2024
TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: STAFF
SUBJECT: SFRPC CARES ACT RLF STATUS REPORT

The U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration is partnering with the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC) to oversee and administer a new \$5.90 million CARES ACT Business Revolving Loan Fund program that will alleviate sudden and severe economic dislocation caused by the coronavirus in Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties. Designated a U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development District in 1994, the SFRPC welcomes this new program into its lending portfolio as it continues to expand its economic development activities.

The initiative/focus is to initially conduct financial assessments of vital and essential South Florida small businesses to evaluate financial and resiliency capacity with the focus on maintaining ongoing operations. Once assessed, the SFRPC along with its coalition partners will determine an applicable loan program to meet the financial needs of the small business in order to maintain its vital operations. This supplemental financial assistance award will help support critical small business operations for the long-term within industries that are essential in South Florida.

Since the program was launched on August 5, 2020, the SFRPC has received approximately 375 prospects inquiring into the loan program from Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. Initial loan program funding is available for up to 2 years or until all loan funds are disbursed. As the program is revolving in nature, after all initial funds are deployed, new businesses will have an opportunity to seek financial support as loan proceeds are repaid from former borrowers.

In November 2023, the EDA completed their RLF Risk Analysis and conveyed the South Florida Regional Planning Council earned a current annual risk rating of an "A" for the fiscal year ending 9/30/2023.

To date, loan administration has approved thirty-six (36) new CARES ACT RLF loans totaling \$7,785,000 and saved and/or created 250 related jobs.



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**CARES ACT REVOLVING LOAN FUND
PAYMENT STATUS REPORT - JULY 2024**

Loan	Company /Borrower	Amount	Disbursed	Pmts	Rate	Pay/Yr	Normal Pay	Last Activity	Last Balance	Paid Thru	Days Late	Last Activity	Next Pay Due	Loan Date	Maturity Date	Board Action
█	█	25,000.00	25,000.00	60	3.5000	12	454.79	454.79	6,646.24	07/01/24	0	07/01/24	08/01/24	10/20/20	11/01/25	performing
█	█	300,000.00	300,000.00	120	3.5000	12	2,966.58	2,966.58	201,836.13	07/01/24	0	07/01/24	08/01/24	11/20/20	11/01/30	performing
█	█	500,000.00	515,000.00	120	3.5000	12	4,934.78	4,934.78	404,328.68	07/01/24	0	07/01/24	08/01/24	01/13/21	01/01/31	performing
█	█	210,000.00	210,000.00	120	3.5000	12	2,076.60	2,076.60	145,044.83	07/01/24	0	07/01/24	08/01/24	12/31/20	01/01/31	performing
█	█	500,000.00	500,000.00	120	3.5000	12	4,944.29	4,944.29	345,454.35	07/01/24	0	07/01/24	08/01/24	12/28/20	01/01/31	performing
█	█	150,000.00	150,000.00	120	3.5000	12	1,483.29	1,483.29	106,042.20	07/01/24	0	07/01/24	08/01/24	02/24/21	02/01/31	performing
█	█	100,000.00	100,000.00	60	3.5000	12	1,594.07	200.00	77,030.13	06/15/24	0	06/28/24	07/15/24	02/02/21	02/01/26	performing
█	█	306,041.60	306,041.60	120	3.7760	12	2,173.69	2,173.69	263,065.82	06/05/24	0	06/05/24	07/05/24	05/14/21	04/01/31	performing
█	█	394,000.00	394,000.00	240	3.5000	12	4,000.00	4,000.00	339,944.02	07/01/24	0	07/01/24	08/01/24	05/13/21	05/01/31	performing
█	█	500,000.00	500,000.00	180	3.5000	12	3,493.33	3,493.33	431,434.30	07/01/24	0	07/01/24	08/01/24	06/15/21	07/01/36	performing
█	█	150,000.00	150,000.00	120	3.5000	12	1,441.59	1,441.59	117,165.88	07/01/24	0	07/01/24	08/01/24	08/12/21	08/01/31	performing
█	█	295,000.00	295,000.00	120	3.5000	12	3,258.10	3,258.10	259,701.68	07/01/24	0	07/01/24	08/01/24	08/09/21	08/01/31	performing
█	█	175,000.00	175,000.00	120	3.5000	12	1,730.50	1,730.50	129,919.44	07/01/24	0	07/01/24	08/01/24	08/24/21	08/01/31	performing
█	█	500,000.00	500,000.00	120	3.5000	12	2,899.80	2,899.80	446,408.87	07/01/24	0	07/01/24	08/01/24	08/25/21	08/01/31	performing
█	█	250,000.00	250,000.00	120	3.5000	12	2,390.96	2,390.96	199,350.72	07/01/24	0	07/01/24	08/01/24	10/15/21	10/01/31	performing
█	█	500,000.00	500,000.00	180	4.5000	12	3,824.97	3,824.97	438,115.53	07/01/24	0	07/01/24	08/01/24	01/13/21	10/01/31	performing
█	█	128,000.00	128,000.00	60	4.0000	12	2,357.31	2,357.31	71,707.32	07/01/24	0	07/01/24	08/01/24	02/15/22	02/01/27	performing
█	█	200,000.00	200,000.00	120	4.5000	12	2,072.77	2,072.77	165,503.67	07/01/24	0	07/01/24	08/01/24	06/09/22	06/01/32	performing
█	█	462,136.20	399,629.60	36	5.0000	12	1,831.64	1,831.64	399,629.59	07/01/24	0	07/01/24	08/01/24	10/20/22	11/01/25	performing
█	█	250,000.00	250,000.00	180	6.0000	12	2,109.64	2,109.64	239,828.18	07/01/24	0	07/01/24	08/01/24	06/22/23	07/01/38	performing
Totals		5,895,177.80	5,847,671.20				52,038.70	50,644.63	4,788,157.58							

Portfolio Analysis

Funds: (37000)
Status: All
City: All
County: All
Loan Officer: All
Loan# From 2 to 53005

Cutoff Date: 7/1/2024
Run Date: 07/01/2024
Run Time: 3:13:17 pm
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	Number	Balance	Percent%
All Outstanding Loans			
Current Accounts	20	4,788,157.58	100.00%
Past due 1-30 days	0	0.00	0.00%
Past due 31-60 days	0	0.00	0.00%
Past due 61-90 days	0	0.00	0.00%
Past due 91-120 days	0	0.00	0.00%
Past due 121-150 days	0	0.00	0.00%
Past due 151-180 days	0	0.00	0.00%
Greater than 180 days	0	0.00	0.00%
Total Portfolio	20	4,788,157.58	100.00%

Contaminated Portfolio 0 0.00 0.00%

Loans identified as being delinquent by 30 or more days and having a balance greater than zero as of the cutoff date.

Delinquent Loans 0 0.00 0.00%

Loans identified by delinquent status in Loan Master, and having a balance greater than zero as of the cutoff date.

Default Loans 0 0.00 0.00%

Loans identified by default status in Loan Master, and having a balance greater than zero as of the cutoff date.

Write-off Loans 0 0.00 0.00%

Loans identified by write-off status in Loan Master, and having a balance greater than zero as of the cutoff date.

CARES ACT RLF FUNDING UPDATE

AS OF: 7/01/2024

Loan #	LOAN AMOUNT	COUNTY	CITY
1	\$25,000.00	Monroe	Key Largo
2	\$30,000.00	Monroe	Islamorada
3	\$500,000.00	Broward	Pompano Beach
4	\$85,000.00	Palm Beach	Palm Springs
5	\$300,000.00	Miami- Dade	Miami
6	\$35,000.00	Broward	Hollywood
7	\$210,000.00	Broward	Miramar
8	\$150,000.00	Monroe	Key West
9	\$500,000.00	Monroe	Key West
10	\$500,000.00	Miami- Dade	Miami Beach
11	\$50,000.00	Broward	Hollywood
12	\$150,000.00	Broward	Davie
13	\$50,000.00	Broward	Lauderhill
14	\$243,000.00	Broward	Sunrise
15	\$394,000.00	Palm Beach	Boca Raton
16	\$300,000.00	Broward	Plantation
17	\$75,000.00	Broward	Fort Lauderdale
18	\$80,000.00	Miami- Dade	Miami
19	\$175,000.00	Palm Beach	West Palm Beach
20	\$500,000.00	Miami- Dade	Miami
21	\$150,000.00	Broward	Plantation
22	\$250,000.00	Miami- Dade	Miami Beach
23	\$500,000.00	Broward	Coconut Creek
24	\$128,000.00	Broward	Hollywood
25	\$365,000.00	Monroe	Key West
26	\$200,000.00	Broward	Plantation
27	\$75,000.00	Broward	Fort Lauderdale
28	\$200,000.00	Broward	Fort Lauderdale
29	\$100,000.00	Broward	Plantation
30	\$50,000.00	Broward	Lauderhill
31	\$400,000.00	Palm Beach	Riviera Beach
32	\$100,000.00	Miami- Dade	Miami
33	\$50,000.00	Broward	Sunrise
34	\$250,000.00	Broward	Sunrise
35	\$500,000.00	Palm Beach	Riviera Beach
36	\$115,000.00	Miami- Dade	Miami

TOTAL FUNDED: \$7,785,000.00



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #V.C

DATE: JULY 15, 2024

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: SFRPC REGIONAL CONFERENCE



On May 31, 2024, the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC) hosted its annual conference at Nova Southeastern University with more than 160 attendees. This year's topic was "Closing the Gaps: Supporting Mental Health through a Continuum of Housing and Supportive Services."



More than twenty housing and mental health practitioners, elected officials, and community stakeholders shared their knowledge on important issues facing the residents of Broward, Miami-Dade, and Monroe Counties. Four panels discussed various aspects of the mental health crisis in South Florida including the continuum of care, housing and financial considerations, sustainable solutions, and local success with behavioral health implementation.



The President and CEO of the Florida Hospital Association, Mary Mayhew, gave a keynote address on the most important factors in supporting individuals with mental illness. SFRPC Chair Steve Geller (Broward County Commissioner and former Florida State Senator), SFRPC Second Vice Chair René García (Miami-Dade County Commissioner and former Florida State Senator), and Broward County Mayor Nan Rich (former Florida State Senator)



gave opening remarks and insightful contributions throughout the conference. Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust Chairman Ronald L. Book facilitated a discussion with the audience on opportunities for action.

The SFRPC thanks all its attendees, sponsors, Council Members, and supporters for making the conference a success. We look forward to continuing our conversation on mental health/housing in the coming months.

Attached please find the DRAFT Meeting Proceedings for your review and information. For full conference information, please visit: <https://sfregionalcouncil.org/closing-the-gaps-supporting-mental-health-through-a-continuum-of-housing-and-supportive-services/>

Recommendation

Information only.



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**Closing the Gaps: Supporting Mental Health through a
Continuum of Housing and Supportive Services**

Nova Southeastern University
The Carl DeSantis Building Atrium
3301 South University Drive
Davie, FL 33328

Friday, May 31st, 2024
9:10 AM to 3:15 PM



9:10 A.M. Welcome and Opening Remarks

The Honorable Steve Geller, SFRPC Chair, Broward County Commissioner, Former Florida State Senator

[South Florida Regional Planning Council](#) (SFRPC) Chair Steve Geller introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the conference. Chair Geller described the SFRPC's mission as the regional planning agency for Broward, Miami-Dade, and Monroe Counties and gave an overview of its various programs and responsibilities. The SFRPC is focused on regional planning and represents about 2.7 million people living in Miami-Dade County, 2 million people living in Broward County, and 82,000 people living in Monroe County. The SFRPC serves as the designated Economic Development District for South Florida pursuant to the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA). The SFRPC assists with technical assistance for local governments and manages successful Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) programs for small businesses and COVID-19 impacted businesses.



Senator Steve Geller

Every year the SFRPC hosts an annual conference on a different topic as well as a joint conference with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC). The seven counties represented by SFRPC and TCRPC constitute roughly a third of the state of Florida's population. Chair Geller stated that this year's SFRPC's conference topic, mental health and housing, is an important topic and emphasized there is a huge gap for people with mental health issues seeking housing. The SFRPC has hosted many programs on affordable housing in the past, including two Southeast Florida mayor's roundtables with officials from Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach counties.

Chair Geller thanked the sponsors of the conference and their leaders: [Nova Southeastern University](#) (President George Hanbury), [Broward Healthcare](#) (CEO Shane Strum), and [Memorial Healthcare System](#) (CEO Scott Wester). Chair Geller noted that more than 200 people registered to attend the conference. He recognized SFRPC council members that were in attendance or registered: Miami-Dade County Commissioner for District 13, and former Florida State Senator for District 36 René García; Plantation City Councilmember Denise Horland; Miami-Dade County Commission Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III; and Cooper City Mayor Greg Ross. Chair Geller recognized various local and state elected officials who registered to attend the conference including SFRPC council members Denise Horland (Council member for the City of Plantation), Greg Ross (Mayor of the City of Cooper City), and Beam Furr (Broward County Vice Mayor). He also recognized Julie Klahr with the law firm of Goren, Cherof, Doody & Ezrol, P.A. representing SFRPC Legal Counsel Sam Goren. Lastly, Chair Geller recognized Ron Book, lobbyist for the Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) and Chairman of the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust.

Chair Geller thanked Senator García and his Chief of Staff, Iraida Mendez-Cartaya, for their crucial assistance in organizing the conference. He stated that Senator García was one of his closest friends in the Florida Legislature. Chair Geller spoke highly of Senator García and how effective he is as a legislator and leader on mental health and healthcare issues. Chair Geller also thanked his Chief of Staff, Jacqueline Garcia-Arteaga, and his commission aide, Barbara Kopec. Chair Geller thanked SFRPC staff that assisted in the planning and execution of the conference including Executive Director Isabel Cosio Carballo, Deputy Director Randy Deshazo, Community & Economic Development Program Manager Eralda Agolli, Director of Finance & IT Leo Braslavsky-Soldi, Director of Administration Kathe Lerch, and Administrative Coordinator Alex Santana. Finally, he thanked all speakers and moderators for their participation and support.

Chair Geller introduced Nan Rich, Mayor of Broward County and former Florida State Senator.

The Honorable Nan Rich, Mayor of Broward County, Former Florida State Senator

Senator Rich began by sharing that she served in the Florida House of Representatives with then-Representative García, and they worked very well and became dear friends. She was a member of the Florida Legislature for 12 years and later was elected to the Broward County Commission. She thanked the SFRPC for inviting her to the conference to deliver remarks and serve as a panelist. She has focused a lot of her energy on social services and currently serves as chair of Broward’s Housing Continuum, the Coordinating Council of Broward County, and Broward Behavioral Health Coalition (BBHC). She has found herself returning to the same issue again and again, which is the affordable housing crisis in Broward County. Miami-Dade County is in the same boat, she noted.



Senator Nan Rich

In 2018 the voters of Broward County overwhelmingly approved the creation of an Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Unlike the Sadowski trust fund in Tallahassee, the Affordable Housing Trust Fund is a lockbox and every dollar that goes into the fund must be spent on affordable housing. More than \$123 million has been invested in affordable housing finance with more than 5,000 new affordable rental units built since 2018. The Broward County Commission recently adopted [“Housing Broward: 10-Year Affordable Housing Master Plan”](#). It provides a critical framework for addressing the county’s affordable housing crisis and is the first countywide master plan in the State of Florida. It was developed in conjunction with Florida International University’s (FIU) Jorge M. Pérez Metropolitan Center and its Deputy Director Dr. Ned Murray. The Master Plan provides a coordinated, integrated approach which connects affordable housing with other policy topics including the “Housing First” model, economic development infrastructure, climate change, land use, and transportation. Senator Rich stated that if individuals and families have a decent place to live, they will more readily engage

in mental health and other services. Furthermore, she stated that the solution to homelessness is affordable housing; not putting people into an encampment, the Broward County jail, or the Miami-Dade County jail. Specialized teams of licensed clinical practitioners are being sent to the areas where individuals with mental illness live to give them the support they need.

The Honorable René García, SFRPC Second Vice Chair, Miami-Dade County Commissioner, Former Florida State Senator

Senator García thanked everyone in attendance and emphasized that mental health is a very important issue to him, South Florida, and the whole state of Florida. He recognized Florida State Representative Joel Rudman (District 3) from the Panhandle and thanked him for his presence. Senator García stated that we need to come together as a community to address the critical issues affecting the area, specifically the mental health crisis.



Senator René García

Senator García introduced Mary C. Mayhew, President and CEO of the Florida Hospital Association. Ms. Mayhew is the former Secretary of the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA). Prior to her appointment by Governor Ron DeSantis, she served as Deputy Administrator and Director of Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). She previously served for more than 6 years as Commissioner of the State of Maine’s Department of Health and Human Services. For more than 11 years, she served as Vice President of the Maine Hospital Association.

9:25 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. Keynote: The Big Picture: The Most Important Factors in Supporting Residents with Mental Illness

Mary C. Mayhew, President and CEO of the Florida Hospital Association

Ms. Mayhew stated that there is momentum in the state of Florida to improve the system of care for individuals with mental illness. She added that mental health services system was not designed to be person-centric, patient-centric but progress is being made. There has to be more support to gain the funding needed for care, wraparound services, social determinants, and housing to produce the best outcomes for individuals with mental health issues. She stated that “we have finally seemed to have broken down the stigma.” The COVID-19 pandemic was a “gasoline can over the fire” and there has been a skyrocketing demand for mental health services for children and adults since that time.

There is a moral imperative to do better. Data must be used to guide, influence, and inform the infrastructure necessary for mental health services

More than 70% of people in U.S. jails and prisons have at least one diagnosed mental illness or substance use disorder, or both (45%). Less than half of people with a history of mental illness receive mental health treatment while in local jails. Florida jails/prisons are not equipped to deal with this population. When released many rely on hospital emergency departments. Twenty-five percent (25%) of persons experiencing homelessness have a diagnosis of at least one serious mental illness. People with



Mary Mayhew

serious and persistent mental illness don't "just get cured." They will have a certain intensity of needs then the intensity will decline. They will ebb and flow throughout that continuum to the most acute (in-patient hospital or potentially a state facility) and then upon discharge in need of robust community-based services. What we lack in this state and in this country is robust community-based services. Just like in physical health, we don't spend a lot of money on prevention, early intervention, and primary care. We need to think the same about mental health. Decades ago there was deinstitutionalization because of class action lawsuits that said it is not right to lock people up because they have a mental illness. Now the U.S. Department of Justice has been looking at whether there are individuals in the community that are not receiving services and are at risk of becoming re-institutionalized.

Twenty-eight million Americans are experiencing a mental illness and are not being treated. More than 1.6 million adults in Florida are experiencing a mental illness and are not being treated. Ms. Mayhew highlighted the work of Certified Community Behavioral Health Centers (CCBHCs). These centers offer 24/7 wraparound services to assist in stabilizing those experiencing a mental health crisis in welcoming and cost-effective settings. It is a working continuum of care that meets the patient where they are and streamline their care from the hospital to crisis services/centers and insert follow-up care. In Southeast Florida (Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach) there are 9,758 Licensed Behavioral Health (BH) Beds, which makes up 35% of all behavioral health beds in Florida. If one is trapped in the revolving door of emergency departments, it is a far more expensive entry point to the healthcare system than community-based mental health services.

DATA from Ms. Mayhew's Presentation

Data for Florida hospitals that provide behavioral health services:

- 37 behavioral health hospitals.
- 78 hospitals that are Baker Act Receiving Facilities.

- 27 General Hospitals (separate psychiatric units).
- 108 Outpatient Mental Health Facilities.
- 205,712 Inpatient Admissions.
- 149,912 Emergency Department visits.
- 8,030 Total Psychiatric Beds.
- 88 hospitals in Florida offer Behavioral Health Services.
- Adult Psychiatric Beds, 6,837 beds for 17.4 million adults.
- Child Psychiatric Beds, 711 beds for 4.1 million children.
- There are a total of 1,982 psychiatric beds for adults in South Florida.
- 806 beds in Broward, 893 in Miami-Dade, 25 in Monroe, and 258 in Palm Beach.
- There are a total of 183 psychiatric beds for children in South Florida.
- 74 in Broward, 70 in Miami-Dade, 0 in Monroe, and 39 in Palm Beach.

Ms. Mayhew shared that in South Florida there are a total of 1,539 residential treatment facility licensed beds out of 3,510 statewide. A long-term Mental Health Residential Treatment facility is any licensed facility that must sustain a 0-day average or greater length of stay (LOS).

- 481 facilities in Broward, 481 in Miami-Dade, 14 in Monroe, and 563 in Palm Beach.
- Medicaid does not cover the cost of room and board. Forty percent (40%) is spent on therapeutic services; 30% is spent on medical services.
- The remaining 30% is spent on support services.
- The lack of coverage for room and board presents a financial burden on the patient and facility.

Data about Florida compared to other states:

- Florida has the lowest amount of per capita mental health spending in the country with \$36.05 per capita.
- Maine spends \$362.75 per capita; 10x more than Florida. California spends \$174.98. Massachusetts spends \$113.37. New York spends \$251.12. Texas spends \$45.23.
- Florida Ranks 43rd in Mental Health Workforce Availability.
- Two-thirds of every dollar of scarce government spending on mental health is allocated to stand-alone psychiatric hospitals rather than community-based mental health services.

Data about homelessness in Miami-Dade County:

- Miami-Dade County has a population of 2,673,837. There were 5,617 Homeless Admissions in 2022.
- There has been a decrease of 10.7% since 2021.
- Payment was based on Medicaid total (31%), Self-Pay (26%), Medicare Total (17%), Commercial Health Insurance (14%), Non-Payment (8%), and grouping of other payers (4%).

Data about homelessness in Broward County:

- Broward County has a population of 1,947,026. There were 1,707 Homeless Admissions in 2022.
- There has been a decrease of 17.4% since 2021.
- Payment was based on Self Pay (34%), Commercial Health Insurance (21%), Medicaid Total (20%), Medicare Total (17%), Non-Payment (5%), and grouping of other payers (3%).

Ms. Mayhew highlighted the important work being done by Florida Assertive Community Treatment Teams (FACT) teams. FACT is a 24/7 community-based, multidisciplinary team providing a holistic, comprehensive, and individualized approach to services for adults who have been diagnosed with a serious mental illness. The team's goal is to provide person-centered and long-term care and promote recovery, reduce hospitalizations, and enhance the individuals with serious mental illnesses the ability to live independently in their community.

Ms. Mayhew emphasized the importance of applying for federal and state grants that currently exist for housing individuals suffering from mental illness and substance abuse disorders. Data regarding how many individuals are housed and for how long needs to be kept to determine if progress is being made. She stated that in Florida there exists robust [Health Management Information Systems \(HIMS\)](#) that can be used to inform future decisions. An evidence-based measure to determine accountability and success is to see how someone that was discharged from in-patient psychiatric unit behaves in society for seven days. AHCA has that data and needs to be evaluating performance.

10:00 A.M. - 10:45 A.M. Success Stories: The Housing Toolkit in the Continuum of Care

The panel included: John W. Newcomer, M.D. (moderator), President and Chief Executive Officer of Thriving Mind South Florida; Victoria Mallette, Executive Director of the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust; The Honorable Nan Rich, Mayor of Broward County, Former State Senator for District 34; Chair of the Coordinating Council of Broward County, Chair of Broward Behavioral Health Coalition; and Amanda MacCormack, Chief Program Officer for Broward Housing Solutions. Dr. Newcomer introduced the panelists.

Amanda MacCormack, Chief Program Officer for Broward Housing Solutions

Ms. MacCormack stated that there are more than 27,000 people diagnosed with a severe persistent mental illness (SPMI) living in Broward County. [Broward Housing Solutions](#) serves more than 300 clients within 197 rental units across Broward County. Residents live with roommates or their families in one-, two-, or three-bedroom homes.

Residents live with roommates or their families in one-, two-, or three-bedroom homes. Through the referral and clinical support service of community-based mental health providers, Broward Housing Solutions is able to offer affordable subsidized rent to tenants and their family for only 30% of their gross monthly income. Various funding support and partnerships provide the remaining 70%. Permanent supportive housing (PSH) provides multiple benefits for individuals including cultural and community supports, mobile and on-site supports, assertive engagement, in-reached health and social services, tenant security, harm reduction, flexibility and affordability, and trauma-informed care.



From left: Senator Nan Rich, Amanda MacCormack, Victoria Mallette

Victoria Mallette, Executive Director of the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust

Ms. Mallette stated that there are about 1,033 homeless individuals in Miami-Dade County and 15,000 people come through the system every year. She believes that the most important social determinant of health is housing. Resources are available including psychiatric nurse practitioners, substance abuse providers, and community health centers. We can make people better on the street but in order to end homelessness we need to provide housing. Housing is where true wellness begins. On any given day in Miami-Dade County there are 2,700 people in shelters including single adult men, single adult women, and families with minor children. There are more than 400 families with minor children in the system. There are more than 1,000 school-age children who are in high school or below.

Ms. Mallette stated that the [Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust](#) has general and specialized outreach teams who provide medical care and primary care across Miami-Dade County. The Trust is also funding emergency shelter beds. Fifteen percent (15%) goes to the Domestic Violence Oversight Board for the operation of centers. This is in addition to the Community Action and Human Services Department. The Trust funds “rapid re-housing” which is short to medium term rental assistance with lighter touch support. For example, a security deposit can be paid, rent can be paid up to two years, etc.

The Trust administers proceeds of a 1% Food and Beverage Tax. Eighty-five percent (85%) of the Food and Beverage Tax proceeds are dedicated to homeless housing and services and leveraged with federal, state, local and other resources dedicated to providing housing and services for the homeless, including survivors of domestic violence. The Trust administers grants and oversees operations for more than 120 housing and services programs operated by more than 20 non-profit providers and government entities. Over 9,000 emergency, transitional and permanent housing beds have been developed by or through the Homeless Trust since its inception in 1993. Trust Providers

include Camillus House, Carrfour Supportive Housing, Chapman Partnership, and Miami Homes for All. Trust Partners include Camillus Health Concern and Thriving Mind.

The Honorable Nan Rich, Mayor of Broward County, Former Florida State Senator

Mayor Rich stated that when she first ran for the Broward County Commission one of the first things she did was visit all the programs in Miami-Dade County and saw that Miami-Dade was far ahead of Broward County. She stated that affordable housing is the solution. Broward County does not have as much shelter capacity as Miami-Dade County, but it is working on it. Two programs Broward County is working on is the Landlord Recruitment Program and the eviction prevention program. The Landlord Recruitment Program has 500 landlords who are willing to have homeless tenants. They have lowered the barriers for entry. The County is involved in paying security and other requirements and provides a bonus incentive. The eviction prevention program was started a year ago through Legal Aid of Broward County. While prevention needs more attention and funding, at least 279 families have been saved from being evicted. These would have been all first-time homeless families. Memorial Healthcare System has a robust program on hospital discharges and is working with the Salvation Army. Broward Health is working on setting up a similar discharge program.

John W. Newcomer, M.D., President and Chief Executive Officer of Thriving Mind South Florida

Dr. Newcomer noted that there have been challenges with local hospitals. He stated that there are about 20-plus Baker Acts every day in hospitals. Some people need to be discharged to make room for others.

11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Moderated Panel Discussion: Housing and Financial Considerations

The panel included: Paul Imbrone (moderator), Board Chairman of Thriving Mind South Florida; Bill Aldinger, Director of Policy and Special Programs for the Florida Housing Finance Corporation; Alex R. Ballina, Miami-Dade County Public Housing and Community Development (PHCD) Director; Stephanie Berman, CEO of Carrfour Housing; William King, Director of Housing and SOAR Entitlements for Broward Behavioral Health Coalition; and Eddie Gloria, Acting CEO of Camillus House.

Paul Imbrone, Board Chairman of Thriving Mind South Florida

Mr. Imbrone, of [Thriving Mind South Florida](#), stated that South Florida has seen an unprecedented shortage of affordable housing options and skyrocketing rents. Hit hardest are those from low-

income communities. Persons experiencing mental illness and substance abuse disorders are especially impacted. Identifying land and property owners who will work with the system is difficult. Seeking investors and foundations to support housing is one of the many challenges we face. Mr. Imbrone introduced each panelist.



Paul Imbrone

Bill Aldinger, Director of Policy and Special Programs for the Florida Housing Finance Corporation

Mr. Aldinger stated that there are significant challenges to affordable housing needs across Florida. There was a time when the focus was mainly on South Florida. In Broward and Miami-Dade counties the focus was on a one-person household earning \$40,000. He mentioned that Governor Ron DeSantis initiated the “Florida Hometown Heroes Housing Program” provides down payment and closing cost assistance to first-time, income-qualified homebuyers so they can purchase a primary residence in the community in which they work and serve.

Mr. Imbrone asked Mr. Aldinger about SB 102 (Live Local Act) and its effects. Mr. Aldinger shared that SB 102 provided an additional \$711 million in state funding and appropriations for Florida Housing’s programs as well as the local SHIP program. The [Florida Housing Finance Corporation](#) has funded preliminary financing available to three Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) properties for a new pilot program. A small portion of the units each of the new properties – 20% or a minimum of 15 units – will house “High Utilizers,” that is, persons who are high users of public behavioral health crisis services or are a high priority for diversion from acute health care services and institutional settings. The focus of this three-year pilot is on those “High Utilizers” who are part of the state's behavioral healthcare system through the Managing Entities and are facing housing instability due to their behavioral health care situation. Another program offered by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation is its Catalyst Program which provides community-based organizations and state and local governments with technical assistance to meet affordable housing needs.

Another program is the Predevelopment Loan Program (PLP) which helps nonprofit and community-based organizations, local governments, and public housing authorities plan, finance, and develop affordable housing. Eligible organizations may apply for a loan of up to \$750,000. PLP funds may be used for costs such as rezoning, soil tests, engineering fees, title searches, appraisals, feasibility analysis, legal fees, audit fees, earnest money deposit, impact fees, insurance fees, commitment fees, administrative costs, marketing expenses and acquisition expenses. These activities must be part of a nonprofit or governmental organization's efforts to develop affordable housing.

Alex R. Ballina, Miami-Dade County Public Housing and Community Development (PHCD) Director

Mr. Ballina stated that Miami-Dade County is implementing a new, fresh, data-driven, holistic approach now. He stated that the County needs to think outside the box since there is only a finite amount of land that can be used to produce affordable housing. He praised Mayor Daniella Levine Cava and Senator García for their leadership on this issue. What makes housing challenging is all the socio-economic factors that need to be dealt with. In south Miami-Dade County, existing affordable housing units will be redeveloped. The County is partnering with Camillus House, the Homeless Trust, and others to provide supportive housing. The Section 8 program opened in February. There were 132,000 applications in a two-week period with only 5,000 vouchers available.



From left: Bill Aldinger, Alex Ballina, William King

[Miami-Dade Public Housing and Community Development \(PHCD\)](#) is responsible for more than 9,000 units of public housing. The County has 93 public housing sites, 6,451 public housing units, and 8,444 residents. The average income is \$17,112. The average rent is \$310. The average U.S. Housing and Urban Development Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) is \$540. The average rent potential is \$850. About 19,000 housing choice vouchers (HCVs) from the federal government are allocated across 13 districts. Close to 7,000 landlords participate in the program. Due to zoning changes and increased demand, more density has been created. Even if the federal government gave 100,000 vouchers there are not enough units or participating landlords. This is a critical inflection point for the county and community. In May 2022 Miami-Dade County passed a Tenant’s Bill of Rights ordinance and created an Office of Housing Advocacy

William King, Director of Housing and SOAR Entitlements for Broward Behavioral Health Coalition

Mr. King stated that [Broward Behavioral Health Coalition, Inc.](#) (BBHC) was created in 2011 and serves as Broward County’s local managing entity. It is responsible for the contracting, monitoring, clinical quality oversight and performance improvement of the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF)/State funded behavioral health services. BBHC works with [NAMI Broward County](#) to eradicate the stigma associated with mental illnesses and to improve the quality of life for all affected individuals. NAMI Broward County provides free support groups, education classes and seminars, legislative advocacy, and information for people in the community living with mental illness as well as their loved ones. Programs include Family-to-Family, Peer-to-Peer, Basics, Provider Education, and Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training for law enforcement personnel.

Eddie Gloria, Acting CEO of Camillus House

Mr. Gloria stated that hundreds come each day to [Camillus House](#) to access shelters, clothing, showers, and food. Camillus House has 11 different sites across Miami-Dade County. 1,700 people sleep at facilities each night. Behavioral health services are provided as well. He thanked Victoria Mallette and the Homeless Trust for its collaboration and for setting the standard of continuum of care in the country. Camillus House's rapid rehousing program provides rental assistance and support services to those in need. While the program varies by an individual's circumstances and needs, they aim to help participants transition to independent living within six months. Camillus House has 60 beds for treatment and 30 more for post-treatment in its 450-bed campus in the Miami Medical



From left: Eddie Gloria and Stephanie Berman

District. He emphasized that the community does not need more shelter beds but rather more treatment, housing, and supportive services. He stated that he once spoke to then-Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) Superintendent Alberto Carvalho who stated that actuaries will take into account the reading capacity of boys in the 3rd grade to figure out how many jail cells are needed in the future.

Stephanie Berman, CEO of Carrfour Housing

Ms. Berman stated that [Carrfour Supportive Housing](#) has been building affordable housing for the past 30 years, mainly in Miami-Dade County and now some work outside of Miami-Dade. Carrfour was established in 1993 by the Homeless Committee of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce. It is the leading not-for-profit provider of supportive housing in Florida and has supplied homes for more than 10,000 vulnerable men, women and children. She emphasized the lack of understanding about the need for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH). Components of PSH include affordable housing where a resident pays no more than 30% of their income for rent and utilities. The resident has a lease, services are flexible, services are resident-driven, services are voluntary, level of services and need changes over time, and there is integration with the surrounding community. Some examples of Carrfour's work includes Northside Commons in Miami, Alice Moore Apartments in West Palm Beach, and Southwest Hammocks in Pembroke Pines.

12:30 P.M. Cafecito Chat: From Lived Experiences to Sustainable Solutions: Real Stories of Housing and Mental Health Support

The panel included: Senator García; Sandra McQueen-Baker, CEO, Fresh Start; Kristi Messer, Board President, TaskForce Fore Ending Homelessness; Nova Southeastern University Assistant Dean of Bachelor Degree Programs; Derek S. Moore, Peer Services Manager, Thriving Mind South Florida; and Susan Racher, Board Chair, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Miami-Dade County.



Senator Rene Garcia

The Honorable René García, SFRPC Second Vice Chair, Miami-Dade County Commissioner, Former Florida State Senator

Senator García began the panel conversation by sharing brief details about his personal story of observing a close family member experience homelessness and mental health struggles in recent years. His nephew spent a few days living in the streets of South Florida after suffering some unfortunate events, which led the Senator and his family to lean on the support of friends and family, as well as

colleagues, to help locate his nephew and bring him back to safety at home.

Senator García held strongly to the belief that all the conversations had at the session were extremely important and would provide a unique opportunity to shed light on the topic of mental illness and housing.

Derek S. Moore, Peer Services Manager, Thriving Mind South Florida

Mr. Moore of [Thriving Mind South Florida](#) shared his story of his experience with homelessness and his journey getting out of it. He is currently in long-term recovery from a depressive disorder diagnosis, a 20-year addiction to alcoholic substances, two suicide attempts, and homelessness. His struggle with homelessness was last experienced after a usual workday as a professional man in which the voices in his head grew loudest and prompted him to walk off his job and drive three days to Miami. He attributed his difficulty in attempting to “find his way” to his mental health issues. While he had a profession, a place to live, and a car to drive, ultimately, it was his mental health struggles that “drove” his story.

Susan Racher, Board Chair, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Miami-Dade County

Ms. Racher shared that just like many families, she knew nothing about mental illness previous to her own experience with it. Now she understands the health history between her husband and herself plays a key role in her own children’s experience with mental illness. She emphasized that waiting until a moment of crisis is the worst time to learn about the resources available, the steps to take, and the people to reach out in times of need. The [National Alliance on Mental Illness](#) (NAMI),

which she chairs, was an incredible resource in helping her and her family connect the dots of helplessness and inability to cope. Before NAMI, she was unaware that her son, who was well-adjusted in society and on his way to college, was in fact on ground zero for mental health illness onset. Due to her lack of awareness, it was not until her son's psychotic break that she began to understand the background of the issue. She is a strong advocate for education and awareness for parents, teachers, neighbors, and family members to learn about mental unwellness. She looks back and wishes she would not have waited as long as she did to take action toward a solution and emphasizes the importance of supporting families and individuals facing mental illnesses.

Sandra McQueen-Baker, CEO, Fresh Start

Ms. McQueen-Baker of [Fresh Start of Miami-Dade Inc.](#) began sharing her story by speaking about her own experience of mental health illness while tending to a depressive son and a father with dementia. She acknowledged that homelessness could get to any individual at any time, which is commonly understood from experiences with natural disasters such as hurricanes and events such as market crashes which can cause anyone to lose everything in the blink of an eye. She believes that the role of a peer specialist is incredibly valuable in helping others, and brings rich and unique experiences, resources, and education to the table. She believes that a peer specialist can speak to the heart of those in need in a meaningful manner that no one else can.



From left: Derek Moore, Sandra McQueen-Baker, Ms. Racher

Kristi Messer, Board President, TaskForce Fore Ending Homelessness, and Nova Southeastern University Assistant Dean of Bachelor Degree Programs

Dr. Messer of [TaskForce Fore Ending Homelessness](#) and Nova Southeastern University emphasized that as an assistant dean and with her experience working with healthcare and training providers, she realized that the streets are the real classroom and invaluable in their ability to teach about the very topics that books may mention. In 2010, her department received a \$4 million grant to write a medical school curriculum on homelessness and, through the opportunity, she realized that so much work was needed alongside stakeholders to understand issues comprehensively. Because of her efforts, medical students are now required to spend time with people who have been homeless, and this provides a unique perspective. In terms of her own experience, she shared that in 1999 her youngest child developed a serious health condition that required them to spend months at a children's hospital away from home and live in a Ronald McDonald house. After hospital discharge, she and her family lost their house and had no other option than to check into a family shelter for herself, her husband, and their three kids. This eye-opening experience taught her many things, including the importance of implementing structural competency and the opportunity to train

healthcare providers in topics like upstream factors, e.g. property, housing, and inaccessibility to health.

Responses to Audience Question (Mr. Moore and Ms. McQueen-Baker)

A member of the audience thanked the panel for sharing their stories and asked how difficult it is to recruit volunteers, and what members of the community can do to help with the issue. Ms. Racher answered by mentioning the importance of “wrap-around services.” A purposeful volunteer position is important in helping support groups and family groups with their education programs. Volunteers



Audience Member

may not have all the answers but as connected members, become a key component of the continuum. Mr. Moore briefly stated that there are four “ingredients” that he identified helped him keep coming back: home, health, community, and purpose. Ms. McQueen-Baker shared how the Liberty City Miami neighborhood was not always the safest or most resourceful but was the safest option for her family to call home at a time in her life. Although she experienced challenges when she lived there, it was a place that allowed her children to have a

place to lay their heads down at night. She is happy to see how the neighborhood has been revitalized over the years and hopes for services to continue growing within the community because so many people need to know how to navigate resources. Shelter, a sense of community, and a sense of purpose help members come together and can help encourage someone to volunteer.

Ms. Racher

Senator García continued the conversation by asking the panel members to point out, based on their experience, the good and the bad aspects of the system. Ms. Racher shared that in her son’s journey, it was wonderful that he had a place to live, two friends who could room with him for free, medical care, transportation, peer support, and family support. Although he may have only sat in a corner of any location, he was well-supported. She stated that NAMI supported groups and families and was essential in helping the homeless and mentally ill heal, attain resources, and find a house. She identified some intervening first steps such as parental support groups and gyms before individuals and their families give up on themselves.

Responses to Audience Questions (Dr. Messer and Ms. McQueen-Baker)

Another member of the audience shared that a point she believes has been missed is the role of social security, as they don’t provide financial assistance with an issue such as substance abuse until the situation has scaled up to the acquisition of health concerns. She asked the panel what the

community can do as one body to intervene in the social security issues.

Dr. Messer stated that on a day like today when a large group of unlikely individuals come together and understand the scope of work, discipline is key. Bringing a diverse body of people together helps kick-start necessary conversations and can help move towards integrating innovative and strategic solutions. The panel spoke to the point that being a powerful group in the mental health community and banding together strengthens the voices that can then help in the legislative issues and help find solutions for them. Ms. McQueen-Baker mentioned that Thriving Minds is under good leadership and it helps immensely in bridging necessary gaps. Sitting on boards and attending meetings, coming together with the necessary information, and pushing forward advocacy work on an everyday basis is what is needed to keep things moving. It is also important not to just promote some behavioral health data, but also to let legislators know of the importance that the topics carry for the group and that all of the desired actions are aimed at saving children's lives and help serve peers. Dr. Messer said that the group can bring positive change through volunteering and understanding how legislation works. Any one person can be an agent of change, but they must start somewhere. There is value in education, training, and awareness, but these tools must be used to teach people about stopping the stigma and teaching about what mental health and homelessness is truly all about.

1:30 P.M. Moderated Panel Discussion: Local Success with Behavioral Health Implementation

The panel included: Dr. Newcomer, Sandra Veszi Einhorn, Executive Director, The Coordinating Council of Broward; Maria Hernandez, Community Impact Chief Program Officer, United Way Broward; Scott Hansel, CEO, Chapman Partnership; Laura Naredo, Chief Operating Officer, Thriving Mind South Florida; The Honorable Ari Abraham Porth, Circuit Court Judge, 17th Judicial Circuit; and Barry Reiman, Psy.D., Vice President, Recovery Unplugged Behavioral Health.

John W. Newcomer, M.D., President and Chief Executive Officer of Thriving Mind South Florida

Dr. Newcomer provided the audience with an overview of South Florida solutions as an introduction to the next moderated panel discussion. He began by explaining that just as there are housing providers, there are also mental health providers, of which there are more for-profit than non-profit providers. Clients come into the providers' offices with commercial insurance such as Florida Blue while others come in with Medicare and Medicaid.



John W. Newcomer, M.D.

There are seven regional nonprofit managing entities in Florida, with the total portfolio of providers estimated at 300. The statute that created managing entities began with funding them as the payer of last resort for the uninsured, who lived below a certain poverty level. The national crisis hotline number 988 can be called 24/7 from any location within the United States and will connect a person to a call center that specializes in mental health and substance use crises and can help dispatch mobile response teams. The Baker Act law is an important underpinning of the system of mental health crisis support, with the issue arising from law enforcement being the sole implementer until mobile response teams got traction.

The Statewide Behavioral Health Commission has found that the managing entity system is the most accountable performance-based system that there is. Dr. Newcomer shared that Thriving Minds is one example of the seven managing entities. With an operating budget of about \$140 million a year, the organization can use its assets to procure the services necessary. At Thriving Mind, Dr. Newcomer and his team of staff complete plenty of prevention activities where they work with school programs and in certain high-risk communities. Demonstrating Thriving Mind's Fiscal Year 2022-2023, budget demonstrated that less than 5% of the expenditures of the organization go towards administration, with most of the money going out on the street. Some of the many services that Thriving Minds provides include crisis stabilization units and prevention programs.

Sandra Veszi Einhorn, Executive Director, The Coordinating Council of Broward

This panel was moderated by Ms. Sandra Veszi Einhorn of the [Coordinating Council of Broward](#). Ms.



From left: Scott Hansel, Laura Naredo, María Hernandez, The Honorable Ari Abraham Porth, Sandra Veszi Einhorn, Senator René García, Barry Reiman

Einhorn commenced the last panel discussion by posing the following question: What are the challenges and obstacles to ensuring that clients receive support and connection to services after they are placed in housing?

Barry Reiman, Psy.D., Vice President, Recovery Unplugged Behavioral Health

Mr. Reiman of [Recovery Unplugged Behavioral Health](#) stated that the biggest obstacle is finding housing. He mentioned that there is now a virtual program offered to address the problem of people not being able to attend programs in person. The virtual intensive outpatient program focuses on primary mental health and substance abuse, and it is also available in Spanish, making it more widely accessible. Dr. Reiman stressed the point that without a firm foundation, after the first storm, houses (or in this case individuals) will topple.

Scott Hansel, CEO, Chapman Partnership

Mr. Hansel of the [Chapman Partnership](#) expressed that the handoff after first receiving services to being released is the biggest challenge. Counselors and psychiatrists are available when admitted into a facility but continue to be incredibly important once people leave the facility. Social connectedness and a sense of community is important, and without it, there arises a major problem.

The Honorable Ari Abraham Porth, Circuit Court Judge, 17th Judicial Circuit

Judge Porth mentioned that when clients are assigned to his court, the members work to set the clients up for services thereby setting them up for success. He believes that every individual who enters his court should be on a conditional release plan in custody, without it they are at risk of going into custody. Examples of conditions include regular check-ins with a supervising officer, not committing additional crimes, and/or staying away from drugs or alcohol. He explains that being in custody is the last place that you would want someone with mental health to be.

Laura Naredo, Chief Operating Officer, Thriving Mind South Florida

Ms. Einhorn followed the discussion by posing the question: What are the myths and misconceptions of mental illness? Ms. Naredo stated that a great misconception is that it is a choice to have the illness and substance abuse addiction. Another misconception is that these individuals are violent. In reality, a vast majority of people who are suffering are non-violent and are 10 times more likely to be a victim of crime than a perpetrator.

Dr. Reiman, Ms. Naredo, and Ms. Hernandez

Ms. Einhorn then asked: What role can businesses and faith-based organizations play in supporting the needs of homeless individuals with behavioral health needs? Dr. Reiman responded by stating that all people need to come together, and there is no room for competition in this field. Although there are programs and facilities, it is important to understand that there are allies. Everyone is one bad decision or one bad event away from being in the position of being homeless or mentally ill, and with that vulnerability, it is important to have support. “People must be treated like people despite where they come from or where they have landed.”

Ms. Naredo stated that collaboration and education are provided through businesses and organizations. Ms. Hernandez mentioned that everyone must be willing to be a part of the solution. While churches help in the public sector, private sector companies help perform training and mentoring. There are opportunities for the business community to provide financial assistance through fundraising and other means to help alleviate the cost of resources.

Judge Porth and Dr. Reiman

When asked what innovative models panelists have observed to be successful in treating people with behavioral health conditions and getting them off the street, Judge Porth shared that the

[sequential intercept model mapping](#) helped map out the temperature of what is right and wrong. The court created a felony mental health diversion program and through it, 100 cases of clients were dismissed, and they were set up for success with prospects of a better future. This model mapping assists in the identification of resources, gaps, and barriers in existing systems to support recovery, safety, and justice system diversion as well as to support the development of local strategic action plans. Dr. Reiman mentioned that music is currently being used through Recovery Unplugged as a catalyst to break down barriers, even for the overwhelming percentage of people who are not musically inclined.

2:30 P.M. Facilitated Discussion with Audience – Opportunities for Action

Ron Book, Chairman of the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust

Mr. Ron Book, Chairman of the [Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust](#), led a session of the program by taking questions from the audience and continuing to bridge ideas together. Mr. Book expressed the importance of many conversations that were developed throughout the conference program and emphasized the need for regionalism when discussing mental illness and homelessness.

Senator Geller responded to Mr. Book's comment by stating that the Regional Planning Council is working towards improving regionalism and that is why Miami-Dade, Broward, and Monroe county partners were invited to the event. Meetings with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council that occur twice a year are also effective in bringing regional voices together.



Audience Member

An audience member asked if Mr. Book or any other members present could help her think of ideas for diverting money from jailers and police officers to help provide optimal mental health care and preventative care. Mr. Book responded by explaining the process by which certain “money pots” can be tapped into and the support of which members it is imperative to persuade. Another member explained that Judge Porth has helped with a jail diversion program, which uses sequential intercept mapping to help divert people before they get to the point of arrest.

Another audience member mentioned that businesses such as his have been tremendously impacted by homelessness, and businesses have had to move locations as a result. Although he has befriended the homeless, he also understands the businesses' perspective. He commended South Florida for the number of services that it provides to help the homeless but addressed the reality that there continue to be gaps in both information and services. Mr. Book responded agreeing that needs



Ronald L. Book

and gaps need to be addressed to effect change. However, he also acknowledged the statistics of homelessness in South Florida with respect to other major cities around the nation and shared with the audience that Miami-Dade County is far better at providing services and helping those who need them through a variety of resources. He mentioned organizations such as the [Chapman Partnership](#), [Camillus House](#), [Lotis House](#), and several others for their great work in helping find solutions.

Mr. Book stated that he was grateful to the South Florida Regional Planning Council, Senator García, and Senator Geller, along with all participants for opening the floor for the kind of dialogue that was experienced throughout the event. He emphasized the need to work together as a community to get through these important issues in a sustainable and resilient manner.

3:15 P.M. Closing Remarks from Senators Geller and García

Senator García and Senator Geller wrapped up the event program by thanking the speakers and audience for their attendance, participation, and support for the conference. Senator Geller responded to Mr. Book's comment about regionalism, stating that this was the whole point of the Regional Planning Council and that is why he was proud of chairing the Council's board. He commended Senator García for being a true leader to all those in attendance and throughout South Florida. Senator García concluded by thanking Senator Geller and all the event participants for being present. He emphasized the need for all partners to come together as a community because anything that happens to one area or county can affect another within the region.



From left: Senator René García and Senator Steve Geller

Next Steps:

Under Development

Additional information as well as meeting powerpoints can be accessed at:
<https://sfrgionalcouncil.org/closing-the-gaps-supporting-mental-health-through-a-continuum-of-housing-and-supportive-services/>

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JULY 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

SFRPC HOSTS REGIONAL CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS HOW TO SUPPORT MENTAL HEALTH THROUGH A CONTINUUM OF HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

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On May 31, 2024, the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC) hosted its annual conference at Nova Southeastern University with the support of Nova Southeastern University, Broward Healthcare, and Memorial Healthcare System. More than 160 guests attended the conference which focused on “Closing the Gaps: Supporting Mental Health through a Continuum of Housing and Supportive Services.”

More than twenty housing and mental health practitioners, elected officials, and community stakeholders shared their knowledge on important issues facing the residents of Broward, Miami-Dade, and Monroe Counties. Four panels discussed various aspects of the mental health crisis in South Florida including the continuum of care, housing and financial considerations, sustainable solutions, and local success with behavioral health implementation.



Mary Mayhew, the President and CEO of the Florida Hospital Association, gave a keynote address on the most important factors in supporting individuals with mental illness. SFRPC Chair Steve Geller (Broward County Commissioner and former Florida State Senator), SFRPC Second Vice Chair René García (Miami-Dade County Commissioner and former Florida State Senator), and Broward County Mayor Nan Rich (former Florida State Senator) gave opening remarks and insightful contributions throughout

the conference. Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust Chairman Ronald L. Book facilitated a discussion with the audience on opportunities for action.

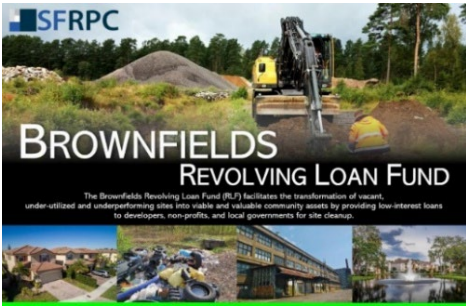
The SFRPC thanks all its attendees, sponsors, Council Members, and supporters for making the conference a success. We look forward to continuing our conversation on mental health/housing in the coming months.



REVOLVING LOAN FUND PROJECT AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING INITIATIVE UPDATES

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SFRPC SECURES \$3.5 MILLION FOR SOUTH FLORIDA BROWNFIELDS REVOLVING LOAN FUND



In addition to the \$3,200,000 in U.S. EPA funds already awarded, the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC) was selected to receive an additional \$3,500,000 through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) because of its high-performing RLF Program to replenish the program’s significantly depleted funds. The Council was one of just 31 existing, high-performing Brownfield RLF Programs from throughout the entire country selected as a grant recipient by the Biden Administration.

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SFRPC EXPANDS AFFORDABLE HOUSING INITIATIVE WITH \$900,000 COMMITMENT TO CONSTRUCT SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES IN WEST PARK, BROWARD COUNTY FLORIDA



The Southeast Florida Community Development Fund, Inc. (SFCDFI), has committed \$900,000 to the Housing Foundation of America, Inc. to help finance the construction of three affordable, single-family residential homes located in the City of West Park, Florida. Subject lots consist of lot 22 and lot 23 block 66 West Carver Ranches and lot 6 Block 53 West Carver Ranches. The project is a collaborative effort among the SFCDFI,

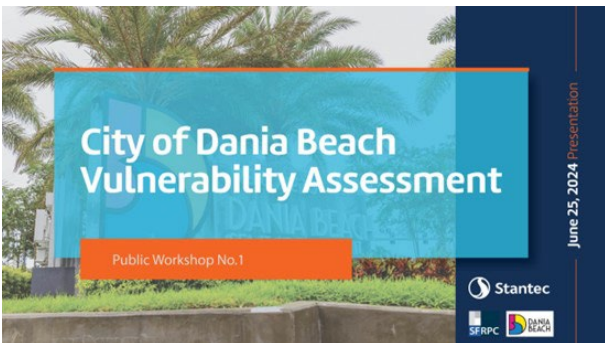
the City of West Park, the Housing Foundation of America, and the Housing Opportunities for Excellence, Inc.

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REGIONAL RESILIENCY UPDATES

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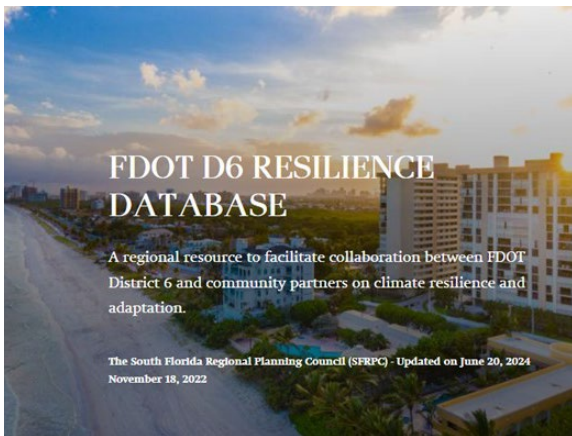
DANIA BEACH VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT UPDATE



The SFRPC is assisting the City of Dania Beach with a vulnerability assessment for the Dania Beach Vulnerability Assessment Project. Key tasks include the collection of background data, exposure analysis, sensitivity analysis, the identification of focus areas, community outreach, development of the final Vulnerability Assessment Report with supporting maps and tables, and Peril of Flood Compliance.

On June 25th the SFRPC organized the City of Dania Beach’s Vulnerability Assessment Public Workshop #1 and presented to the City’s Green Advisory Board, with assistance from Stantec Consultants. The team’s presentation consisted of providing a project overview, outlining critical assets relating to transportation, critical infrastructure, cultural resources, etc., sharing preliminary exposure maps, and listing the next steps for the project. Discussion points from the Public Workshop helped identify additional critical services/facilities and vulnerable City hotspots, as well as supplemented existing data with community perspectives. The team is currently reviewing critical asset community maps and preparing to schedule the project’s second steering committee meeting.

FDOT RESILIENCE DOCUMENTS DATABASE UPDATE



The SFRPC FDOT Resilience Database team has worked continuously to identify key resilience documents, assessments, mitigation efforts, adaptation strategies, action plans, and other resilience-related resources to continue building the regional database for use by local governments, regional agencies, and other stakeholders. Over the last few months, database additions have included resiliency plans, greenhouse gas emissions inventories, extreme heat plans, flood mitigation efforts, and transportation planning guidance, among others. The directory of resilience officers and/or contact persons on resilience and

adaptation issues for many municipalities has also been updated. The team will continue its efforts of monitoring and compiling information on adaptation strategies and projects planned, programmed, or implemented by partners in the FDOT D6 Southeast Florida region.

COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE FLOOD VULNERABILITY AND SEA LEVEL RISE DATA SET UPDATE



The SFRPC in the process of completing the South Florida Regional Planning Council Resilience Project (Project) to include the review, identification and verification of regionally significant assets to be included in the Comprehensive Statewide Flood Vulnerability and Sea Level Rise Data Set for Broward, Miami-Dade, and Monroe Counties. Council staff will also hold meetings with 10 municipalities in Broward and Miami-Dade County that have not yet completed a comprehensive Vulnerability Assessment (VA) pursuant to Section 380.093, Florida Statutes (F.S.) and provide a path forward towards completion, including support on project management and grant request submittals, as needed.

BROWARD COUNTY TRANSIT RECEIVES THE ENERGY FOR EVERYONE NATIONAL HERO AWARD

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On May 29, 2024, Broward County Transit (BCT) received the Energy for Everyone National Hero Award from the Propane Education and Research Council (PERC) for their efforts on incorporating near-zero emissions propane paratransit vehicles. This commitment to zero emissions has led to significant innovation and cost savings with their propane-fueled paratransit fleet. Clean Cities Director Alisha Lopez was asked to speak about the benefits of the propane fleet in the region as well as the long-standing partnership of the Coalition and BCT.

SOUTH FLORIDA LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC) RECOGNITIONS

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HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RECOGNITION

Charlene Burke, *Senior Planner & LEPC Coordinator*

In recognition of Charlene's dedication and tireless efforts in supporting the four HazMat teams within Broward County (Broward Sheriff's Office Special Operations Command, Hollywood Fire/Rescue, Fort Lauderdale Fire/Rescue Squad, Sunrise Special Operations) with critical equipment and training for enhanced operations, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to you and the South Florida LEPC. Your commitment to emergency preparedness ensures the safety and well-being of our community.



THOMAS YATABE AWARD FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Chief Oscar Rodriguez, *Training Chief, Margate Fire Department
Local Emergency Planning Committee Region 10, State Emergency
Response Commission, Training Task Force Representative*

Chief Rodriguez was nominated by the South Florida LEPC for performance above and beyond duty and responsibility including, an active role with the SERC Training Task Force for Li-ion batteries. In this role, Chief Rodriguez provided critical support in the areas of research and outreach to stakeholders.

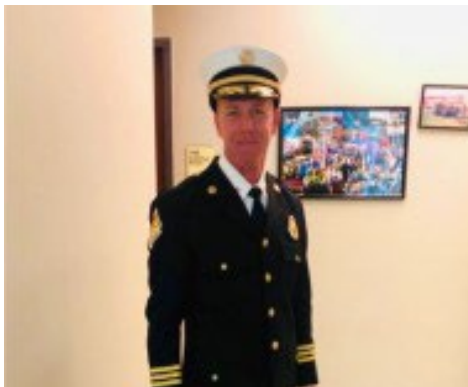
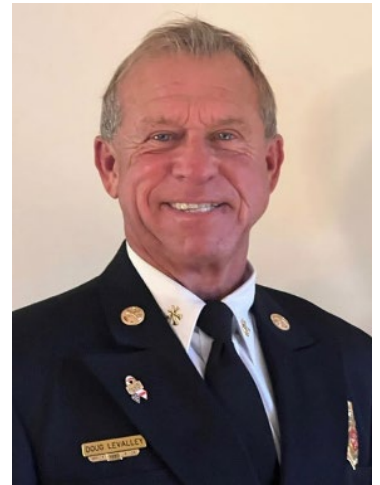
Figure 1: (L) Chief Oscar Rodriguez, South Florida LEPC TTF Rep (R) Director Kevin Guthrie, Florida Division of Emergency Management

Chief Rogriguez was also instrumental in the development and implementation of the hands-on tactics' demonstration at the 2023 Lithium-ion (Li-ion) Symposium and will be a team member at the State Fire College li-ion event on July 12, 2025. In coordination with the Florida Division of Emergency Management's State Emergency Response Commission and the State Fire Marshall's Office, Chief Rodriguez provides support for the implementation of mandatory electric vehicle incident reporting required for the State Watch Office to support critical data collection. In addition, Chief Rodriguez provides support for a lithium-ion research project that is currently being conducted by the State Fire Marshall's Office, University of Miami, and the Florida Firefighters Health & Safety Collaborative.

THOMAS YATBE CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Chief Doug LeValley, *Division Chief & Special Projects Coordinator, Seminole Tribe of Florida; Local Emergency Planning Committee Region 10*

Chief LeValley was nominated by the South Florida LEPC for outstanding support to advance Lithium-ion health and safety. Chief LeValley has been a major contributor in the development and implementation of Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG) for Lithium-ion management within LEPC Region 10 comprised of Miami-Dade, Broward, and Monroe counties including the Seminole Tribe of Florida. Chief LeValley also participated in the Lithium-ion Symposium. Chief LeValley has more than 40 years of fire service experience, provided training at the 2024 Hazardous Materials Symposium, and serves as an active member of the South Florida LEPC.



Chief Kenneth Yost, *Division Chief, Training & Professional Standards Broward County Sheriff's Office*

Chief Yost was nominated by the South Florida LEPC for outstanding support to advance Lithium-ion health and safety. Chief Yost has been a major contributor in the development and implementation of Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG) for Lithium-ion management within LEPC Region 10. Chief Yost has also participated in the State Emergency Response Commission Lithium-ion Training Task Force. Chief Yost has more than 30 years of fire service experience, and frequently provides support with training and activities of the South Florida LEPC.

SOUTH FLORIDA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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U.S. EDA AWARDS SOUTH FLORIDA CLIMATE READY TECH HUB \$19.5 MILLION TO SCALE CLIMATE TECHNOLOGY



On July 2, 2024 the U.S. Economic Development Administration announced its award of \$19.5 million to the South Florida ClimateReady Tech Hub. Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development Alejandra Castillo met with economic development, academic, and tech partners from around the region at the FIU School of Engineering to celebrate the award in a show of regional support. The ClimateReady Tech Hub is a consortium of local governments, businesses, universities, and organizations, originally convened by the South Florida Regional Planning Council in its role as the Economic Development District for South Florida, and provided technical assistance support from Kenneth C. Griffin, Citadel and the Knight Foundation. These organizations collectively represent the region's four counties and combine a diverse range of expertise, resources, and perspective to build a globally leading climate tech ecosystem.



Assistant Secretary of Commerce Alejandra Castillo

The South Florida ClimateReady Tech Hub was spearheaded by Miami-Dade County under the leadership of Mayor Daniella Levine Cava, to accelerate regional technology and innovation-led growth by boosting the capacity to manufacture, commercialize, and deploy key climate technologies. The ClimateReady Tech Hub is one of the 31 Tech Hubs designated by the EDA in October 2023, chosen from nearly 200 applicants nationwide. Less than half were awarded Phase 2 implementation funding.

SOUTH FLORIDA CEDS STEERING COMMITTEE UNDERTAKES STUDY TO ENHANCE WORKFORCE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH IMPROVED TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES



Under the leadership of SFRPC Chair Steve Geller, the South Florida Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Steering Committee comprises a distinguished group of South Florida business leaders dedicated to supporting the South Florida Regional Planning Council’s Economic Development District. This District, designated by the U.S. Economic Development Administration, includes Broward, Miami-Dade, and Monroe counties, provides research and grant development support for economic initiatives across the region.

In January 2024, the Steering Committee decided to develop and publish a business case study addressing the challenges faced by workers and employers in increasing employment opportunities through improvements to the regional transportation system and appropriate land use controls. Expected to be completed by early 2025, this business case will highlight the South Florida business community’s key transportation and land use needs for better access to employment.

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MEETINGS ON SOUTH FLORIDA MILITARY INSTALLATION RESILIENCE REVIEW STUDY

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The SFRPC has completed the South Florida Military Installation Resilience Review (MIRR) Phase I Assessment and Outreach activities and begun convening installation, county, and municipal partners to further prioritize and develop Phase II implementation projects.

The Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Broward Boards of County Commissioners have been briefed on the South Florida MIRR, its key findings and implementation projects. The South Florida State Legislative Delegation and Congressional Delegation have also received the Executive Summary of the MIRR Report. Initial implementation stakeholder meetings have been held with the South Florida Ocean Measurement Facility, Homestead Air Reserve Base, and U.S. Army Garrison-Miami / SOUTHCOM with additional meetings planned this summer. Similarly, stakeholder meetings with Naval Air Station Key West will follow later this summer.

The SFRPC has applied to the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC) for a supplemental funding to support initial Phase II implementation efforts over the next few months to assist the Installations and surrounding communities in creating the working partnerships needed to address resilience threats through collaborative efforts and funding proposals.

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MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #VII.A

DATE: JULY 15, 2024
TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: STAFF
SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE FORM

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2023/2024 ATTENDANCE RECORD

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BAILEY, Mario <i>Immediate Past Chair</i> Governor's Appointee, MDC	VP	*	*	A	A	VP	P	VP
CAPLAN, Franklin Councilmember Village of Key Biscayne	VP		P	P	P	P	P	P
CATES, Craig Monroe County Commission	VP		VP	VP	VP	*	VP	VP
CORRADINO, Joseph Mayor, Village of Pinecrest	VP		VP	*	VP	P	P	*
FURR, Beam Broward County Commission	P	P	P	P	P	*	VP	*
GARCIA, René, 2nd Vice Chair Miami-Dade Co. Commission	P	VP	VP	*	VP	VP	P	*
GELLER, Steve, Chair Broward County Commission	P	P	P	P	VP	P	P	P
GILBERT, III, Oliver G. Miami-Dade Co. Commission	A		A	A	A	A	*	A
GOLDBERG, Cary, Treasurer Governor's Appointee, Broward	VP		VP	VP	VP	VP	VP	VP
HORLAND, Denise, Secretary Commissioner, Plantation	VP		P	P	P	P	VP	P
KAUFMAN, Samuel Commissioner, Key West	*	VP	VP	VP	VP	VP	VP	*
LINCOLN, Michelle <i>1st Vice Chair</i> Monroe County Commission	VP	P	P	P	VP	P	P	P
McGHEE, Kionne L. Miami-Dade Co. Commission	A		A	A	A	A	VP	A
ROSS, Greg Mayor, Cooper City	*	VP	VP	VP	VP	VP	VP	*
UDINE, Michael Broward County Commission	VP		VP	*	VP	VP	VP	VP

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DAVILA, Sirena Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection	-	-	D/VP	D/VP	D/VP	D/VP	D/VP	D/VP
HUYNH, Dat Florida Dept. of Transportation, Dist. 6	D		VP	D/VP	D/VP	D/VP	VP	VP
VILABOY, Armando L. South Florida Water Management District	P		*	VP	VP	VP	P	VP
WALIA, Kent Florida Dept. of Transportation, Dist. 4	-	-	-	-	D/P	D/P	VP	VP

A majority of the meetings were physical/virtual meetings

P = Present

VP = Virtually Present

A = Absent

D = Designee Present

* = Excused Absence

- = Not Yet Appointed

MDC = MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

MC = MONROE COUNTY

MDTPO =Miami-Dade Transportation Organization

** Joint Meeting*

** Exec. Committee/Workshop only