



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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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.

Isabel Cosio Carballo, Executive Director

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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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