

## M E M O R A N D U M

**TO:** Town Commission  
**FROM:** Tom Harmer, Town Manager  
**DATE:** June 19, 2019  
**SUBJECT:** Interlocal Agreement with Manatee County for Community Development Block Grant Program

### **Recommended Action**

Authorize Manager to execute Interlocal Agreement with Manatee County for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

### **Background**

The Federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Department oversees the Federal CDBG program and HOME Investment Partnerships Program. As an entitlement community, counties receive a formula allocation each year from HUD for community development and housing assistance activities within the county jurisdiction. The HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) is a type of United States Federal assistance provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to States in order to provide decent and affordable housing, particularly housing for low- and very low-income Americans. The Town of Longboat Key cannot directly apply for these grant programs but rather, our eligible residents are afforded opportunities if the Town participates in qualified County program.

In 1992 the Town's population assignment was provided to Sarasota County for their qualification and participation in the CDBG and HOME program. (A county requires a minimum population base of 200,000 people to qualify.) Manatee County did not have a sufficient population to qualify until 2001 at which time they approached the Town of Longboat Key requesting re-assignment of our population from Sarasota County to Manatee County and to assist them in reaching the threshold of 200,000. At that point, Sarasota County no longer needed the Town's population for qualification and program participation. (The net program loss to Sarasota County was \$10,000 but they supported the change to assist Manatee County.) The program funding is only awarded for the benefit of the residents living in the unincorporated portion of the County UNLESS the municipality agrees to participate in a County program. When that occurs, the County's allocation is increased to reflect the participation of the incorporated municipality.

At their July 2, 2001 Regular Meeting the Town passed Resolution 2001-05, transferring designation of the Town's population from Sarasota County to Manatee County.

Terms of the Interlocal Agreement between Manatee County and the Town provided for a 3-year term, with automatic renewals of successive three-year qualification periods, unless the County or the Town provides written notice it elects not to participate in a new qualification period.

At their November 7, 2016 Regular Meeting the Town Commission amended the Interlocal Agreement in order to meet new requirements of Section V, CPD Notice 2016-05 (required language per U.S. Federal HUD Program).

Because the Town of Longboat Key is partially located in Sarasota County and partially located in Manatee County, it is considered by HUD to be a “split jurisdiction.” As a split jurisdiction the Town may elect one of three options regarding our population assignment:

1. Excluded from both counties (Sarasota and Manatee).
2. Entirely included in either Sarasota County OR Manatee County.
3. Assign the split population to each County in which the population resides and therefore participate in both County programs.

Manatee County has requested our continued participation in their program and has prepared an updated Interlocal Agreement.

Staff requested an impact evaluation regarding the financial benefit of the Town’s population assignment. According to Manatee County, if our population is assigned to them, they would benefit approximately \$10,000. If Longboat Key assigns their population to Sarasota County, they would benefit by approximately \$16,000.

**Staff Recommendation**

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**End of Agenda Item**