

**MEMORANDUM**

April 23, 2014

TO: Planning, Housing, and Economic Development Committee

FROM: Linda McMillan, Senior Legislative Analyst *LM*

SUBJECT: **Worksession: FY15 Operating Budget: Housing Opportunities Commission**

***Those expected to attend this worksession:***

Stacy Spann, Executive Director, Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC)  
Gail Willison, Chief Financial Officer, HOC  
Terri Fowler, Budget Officer, HOC  
Jennifer Bryant, Office of Management and Budget

**Overview**

For FY15, the County Executive recommends that \$6,376,480 in County tax-supported funding be provided to the Housing Opportunities Commission in support of HOC activities. This is an increase of \$283,170 from the FY14 approved amount of \$6,093,310. These funds are appropriated to the HOC Non-Departmental Account (NDA) and then transferred to HOC by the Director of Finance.

Program Summary	Expenditures
FY15 Recommended	\$6,376,480
FY14 Approved	\$6,093,310
FY13 Approved	\$5,583,230
FY12 Approved	\$5,513,840
FY11 Approved (original)	\$5,804,040
FY10 Approved	\$6,136,340
FY09 Approved	\$6,140,640
Percentage change FY14-15	4.6%

The addition will fund adjustments to compensation, FICA, health benefits, and retirement costs and the OPEB contribution.

In addition to these funds, HOC also receives County funding through the Capital Improvements Program, the Housing Initiative Fund, the Department of Health and Human Services and an abatement of taxes through the Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program. HOC's total FY14 approved budget across all funds is \$229,321,980.

The following table shows the uses of the County funds appropriated through this non-departmental account for FY13, FY14, and recommended for FY15.

	FY13 Approved	FY14 Approved	FY15 Recommend
Resident Services	\$3,786,149	\$4,296,229	\$4,369,846
Customer Services Centers – Client Services	659,161	659,161	868,714
Homeowners Association Fees	157,640	157,640	157,640
Holy Cross Center at Elizabeth House	10,000	10,000	10,000
Rental License Fees	340,280	340,280	340,280
Public/Affordable Housing Electricity	530,000	530,000	530,000
Customer Service Centers - Rent	100,000	100,000	100,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,583,230</b>	<b>\$6,093,310</b>	<b>\$6,376,480</b>

**Council staff recommends approval of the NDA appropriation as recommended by the Executive.**