

AGENDA	
Section	New Business
Item No.	VI B 1

Meeting Date
8/8/2017



**AGENDA REPORT
BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

SUBJECT:	APPROVAL, RE: LOW INCOME POOL (LIP) LETTER OF INTENT (Fiscal Impact: None)
DEPT/OFFICE:	Community Services Group./ Housing & Human Services

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners review and authorize the Chair to sign the attached Letter of Intent regarding Low Income Pool (LIP) matching funds for the Brevard Health Alliance.

Summary Explanation & Background:

On October 19, 2005, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved a Research and Demonstration Waiver Application for the State of Florida, relating to Medicaid reform, which became effective on July 1, 2006. As part of the Waiver, the Low Income Pool (LIP) was "established to ensure continued government support for the provision of health care services to Medicaid, underinsured, and uninsured populations." LIP was a capped annual allotment for the state of Florida. Local dollars (General Fund) were used to draw down leveraged LIP funds to provide direct care. This waiver program came to an end after 2013.

For four years (FY2010 - FY2013) the Health First Foundation provided a cash donation to Brevard County offsetting the use of the General Fund for the Brevard Health Alliance's (BHA) match under the LIP program.

This past legislative session, notice was given by the Federal Government that LIP funds would once again be available in the State of Florida. A portion of the funds have been set aside for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC). BHA is our local FQHC and is again seeking to utilize this method to access these LIP funds. The Brevard Health Alliance has worked with the Health First Foundation to identify matching funds to offset a transfer from the General Fund. This non-binding Letter of Intent is the first step in this process.

It is anticipated that the match of \$738,859 will leverage approximately \$1.9 million in funds to support the cost of direct care (primary, dental, and behavioral health). 100% of the leveraged funds supports these services.

FY 16-17: There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

FY 17-18: There will be impact to the General Fund if a future agreement is entered into, however, this will be offset with a cash match from the Health First Foundation.

Clerk to the Board Instructions: Please have the Chair sign the Letter of Intent and return to the Housing and Human Services Department for disposition.

Exhibits Attached: 1) Letter of Intent

Contract /Agreement (If attached):		Reviewed by County Attorney	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	PR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
County Manager	Interim Assistant County Manager	Department Director / Extension			
Frank Abbate	Jim Liesenfelt	Ian Golden, Director (X52007)			



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August 9, 2017

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Ian Golden, Housing and Human Services Director

RE: Item VI.B.1., Approval of Low Income Pool (LIP) Letter of Intent

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on August 8, 2017, reviewed and authorized the Chairman to sign the Letter of Intent regarding Low Income Pool (LIP) matching funds for Brevard Health Alliance.

By copy of this memorandum, the original Letter of Intent was provided to you at the Board meeting.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

cc: Finance
Budget



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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 8, 2017

Brevard Health Alliance
2120 Sarno Road, Suite 4
Melbourne, FL 32935

Re: Low Income Pool Match Commitment

Ms. Gurri:

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of the Brevard County Commissioner's position regarding the local match portion, otherwise known as Intergovernmental Transfers ("IGT"), of the Low Income Pool Funding (LIP).

It is our understanding that the Brevard County Commission through the Brevard County Housing and Human Services Department is eligible to provide local funds in the amount of SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTY-NINE and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$738,859.00) to assist Brevard Health Alliance's initiative to serve uninsured patients primary care services based upon funding availability. The Alliance's status as a Federally Qualified Health Center, serving residents of Brevard County for the past 12 years, has encouraged Brevard County to support the services you provide for our residents.

The Brevard County Commission understands that any contributions would go towards the SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTY-NINE and 00/100 DOLLARS local match for the 2017-2018 Low Income Pool grant. Should additional funding be made available through this opportunity, it is the position of the Brevard County Commission to support the additional funding opportunity in the same fashion as the original local matching funds based up on funding availability.

Sincerely,

Curt Smith, Chair
Brevard County Board of County Commissioners