



Interoffice Memorandum


APPROVED BY ORANGE
COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

BCC Mtg. Date: November 12, 2019

November 4, 2019

AGENDA ITEM

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings
-AND-
Board of County Commissioners

THRU: Lonnie C. Bell, Jr., Director 
Community and Family Services Department

FROM: Lavon Williams, Esq., AICP, Manager 
Community Action Division

SUBJECT: **Consent Agenda – November 12, 2019**
FY 2019-2020 Weatherization Assistance Program between the
State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and Orange
County, Florida

The State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) awarded Orange County, Florida \$1,632,860.75 under the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). The term of WAP Agreement Number 17WX-0G-06-58-08-025, Federally-Funded Sub-grant, is from the date of execution by both parties through September 30, 2020. WAP performs energy saving repairs and installation of energy saving measures to homes occupied by income-eligible families.

In 2015, the federal government significantly changed the requirements for agencies implementing the program which included a mandated pre and post inspection by certified quality control inspectors. There are only 15 inspectors in the entire state. Our WAP has experienced significant challenges finding inspectors and knowledgeable contractors to meet the inspection requirements. During the current agreement period, only 11 homes have completed the program. Furthermore, the program has run at a deficit for the last three years, impacting the general fund.

Staff is recommending that Orange County surrender the program and not accept the fourth modification to the three-year funding agreement. Per our agreement with DEO, "parties may terminate this Agreement for their mutual convenience through a written amendment to this Agreement. The Amendment shall state the effective date of the termination and the procedures to properly close out this Agreement." Staff is asking that the Board terminate the agreement as of October 1, 2019.

ACTION REQUESTED: Authorization for the County Attorney to terminate the State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Agreement Number: 17WX-0G-06-58-08-025, Federally-Funded Sub-grant Agreement Weatherization Assistance Program for Low-Income Persons between the State of Florida, Department of Economic Opportunity and Orange County in the amount of \$1,632,860.75, and authorization for the Mayor or designee to sign for termination of the agreement. The termination date will be October 1, 2019.

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