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TO: Mayor Teresa Jacobs
-AND-
Board of County Commissioners

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

FROM: Lavon B. Williams, Manager, Esq., MPA, MSP *LBW*
Neighborhood Preservation and Revitalization Division

SUBJECT: Consent Agenda Item June 2, 2015
June 2015 Neighborhood Pride Nonprofit Housing Repair Grant
Recipient

The Neighborhood Preservation and Revitalization Division administers the Neighborhood Pride Grant Program that provides funds for citizen organizations to enhance the quality of their neighborhoods. There has been a continued interest from a wide range of neighborhood organizations for funding requests under the Neighborhood Pride Grant Program.

The Neighborhood Pride Nonprofit Housing Repair Grant Program is a strategy developed to respond to the rising foreclosure rates in Orange County. The purpose of this strategy is to assist Orange County neighborhoods threatened by physical decline and crippled by high foreclosures. The program is an opportunity to partner with nonprofit and faith-based organizations to provide minor housing repairs to owner-occupied homes in certain communities in Orange County through the use of community volunteers.

The grants are categorized as "Nonprofit Housing Repair Grant I" and "Nonprofit Housing Repair Grant II" and are available countywide in amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$20,000. The Nonprofit Housing Repair Grant I is designed to encourage grassroots organizations to assist homeowners that are in need of minor exterior repairs. The organization provides the volunteer labor to perform the repairs and the Neighborhood Preservation and Revitalization Division purchases all the required materials for an amount not to exceed \$1,500. It is expected that these grants will benefit one to three homes per organization.

The Nonprofit Housing Repair Grant II will provide direct cash funding to nonprofit organizations that demonstrate organizational readiness to make minor repairs on a number of homes in a concentrated area. These nonprofits may contract or use volunteer labor to conduct the housing repair. However, preference will be given to those nonprofits that incorporate volunteer labor. The award amount for Grant II will typically range from \$5,000 to \$20,000. It is estimated that these grants will benefit 5 to 30 homes per organization.

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The Neighborhood Grants Advisory Board is recommending approval of Heart of Florida United Way for Nonprofit Housing Repair Grant II. The grant request is displayed in greater detail in Attachment A.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of June 2015 Neighborhood Pride Nonprofit Housing Repair Grant as recommended by the Neighborhood Grants Advisory Board for Heart of Florida United Way (\$15,100). District 5.

Attachment

c: Antwan Nelson, Neighborhood Preservation and Revitalization Division
Lyndon Carter, Chairperson, Neighborhood Grants Advisory Board

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ATTACHMENT A

District	Organization	Community Served	# of Homes	Grant Program	Work Performed	Requested Amount
5	Heart of Florida United Way	Winter Park	10	Grant II	Minor Exterior repair and painting	\$15,100
			Total Requests			\$15,100