



# Accessing Community Development Funding

Community Scholars in Affordable Housing 2016 Capstone

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"Citizens in our community live in housing units where sewage backs up ... While millions of dollars are being spent annually to fund ball stadiums, performing arts centers and dog parks."

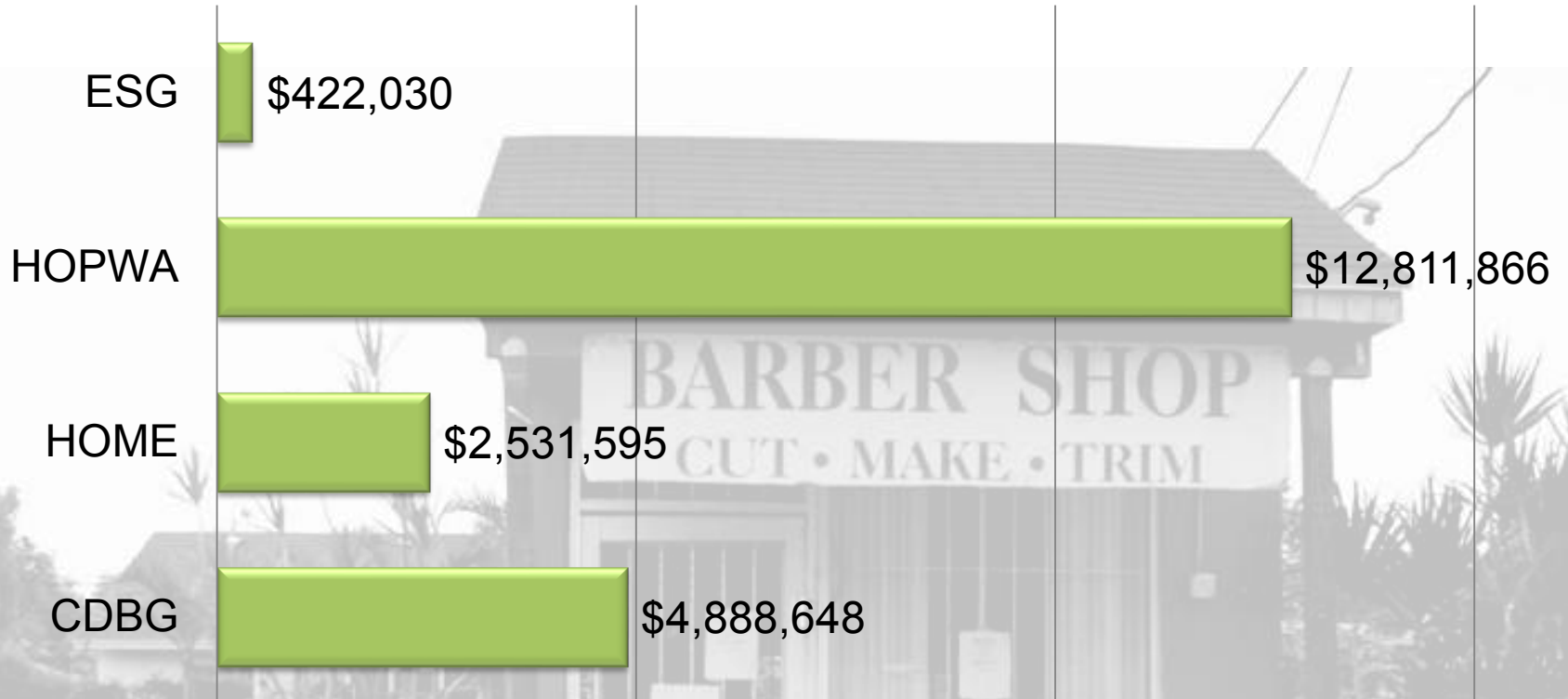
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## **What Problem?**

- Issue: Perceived lack of knowledge of how to properly access community development related funding.
- Goal: Train community residents and small business how to gain access to funding through:
  - RFQ – Request For Qualifications
  - RFP – Request For Proposals

## 2016/2017 HUD Entitlement Grant City of Miami Total Funding \$20,654,139



- **ESG** – Emergency Solutions Grant Program • **HOPWA** – Housing Opportunities For Persons With AIDS Program
- **HOME** – HOME Investment Partnership Program • **CDBG** – Community Development Block Grant Program



## Next Steps

Develop a scalable training program that will educate community residents and small business owners about applying to RFP/RFQ's in a professional and comprehensive manner

Potential program benefits include increased skill sets such as:

- Literacy
- Finance/Math Expertise
- Computer Skills
- Critical Thinking, and Problem Solving

## Citizen Participation Plan

This existing Plan provides a guide for City of Miami residents to participate in an advisory role in planning, implementing, and assessing City programs funded by HUD.

### [INVOLVE YOURSELF IN THE PLAN AMENDMENT PROCESS](http://www.miamigov.com/communitydevelopment/pages/Reports/)

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The goal of the Plan is to encourage public participation; therefore, the Plan sets forth the jurisdiction's efforts to foment and stimulate citizen involvement in its planning process.

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