



City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

File Number: 2024-281

Agenda Date: March 25, 2024

Department: Department of Housing & Community Development

Title: 2024-281 Joint City/County Housing Update (B)

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Description: Update on City/County housing priorities and initiatives.

Fiscal Note: Funding for these initiatives has been allocated through various sources including Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership, State Housing Initiatives Partnership, the America Rescue Plan Act, HOME ARP and ConnectFree.

Explanation: Addressing Housing is a Top Priority in the City's Strategic Plan and Alachua County has prioritized housing as a major objective. Both the City's Department of Housing & Community Development and Alachua County Community Support Services Division have pivotal roles in the community's effort to achieve its goals in this area.

At the January 23, 2023 Joint Gainesville City Commission/ Alachua Board of County Commissioners meeting, the Commissions requested that staff of both the County and City provide a Housing Update at subsequent meetings.

Beginning on September 19, 2022, the staffs both the City of Gainesville Department of Housing & Community Development and Alachua County Community Support Services have met monthly to discuss strategies to collectively deal with the affordable housing issues that face our community.

The County and City staffs have discussed many topics during those meeting including Affordable Housing Initiatives, Affordable Housing Advisory Committee collaboration, Local Housing Assistance Plans, homeless services and various funding sources. The City and County Affordable Housing Advisory Committees held a joint meeting on August 16, 2023 at the County Administration Building to discuss current and future priorities.

Staff of both the City and County will present a housing and homelessness update which includes information about the following items:

1. Funding and support to administer the various housing programs provided by both the County's and City's Housing Departments.
2. Historical context for the County's homelessness initiative.
3. City and County Housing Priorities and Strategies.
4. City and County Homeless Initiatives.

Strategic Connection:

- Goal 1: Equitable Community
- Goal 2: More Sustainable Community
- Goal 3: A Great Place to Live and Experience
- Goal 4: Resilient Local Economy
- Goal 5: "Best in Class" Neighbor Services

Recommendation: The City Commission and Board of County Commissioners receive a presentation from City and County staff.