

Alachua County Advisory Boards

Annual Work Plan / Accomplishments Report
FY2021-22

Date of Report: September 2022

Board/Committee Name: Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC)

Chairperson: Dejeon Cain

Board Liaison: Stephen Weeks

Staff Support: Stephen Weeks

Brief History of Committee: The Alachua County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) was established in May 2008 by Resolution 08-040 in response to the mandate in s.420.9076, F.S. that recipients of State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) funds form Affordable Housing Advisory Committees. The CDBG Citizens Advisory Task Force (CATF) was eliminated and the responsibilities for CATF were incorporated into AHAC's role. In recent years, especially through the COVID-19 Pandemic the committee has undergone some restructuring, recruitment of new members, and a transition in leadership. As Affordable Housing grows in importance nationwide and continues to be a priority and conversation topic of interest at the Federal, State, and local levels, Alachua County's AHAC has positioned itself to add to our scope of work beyond the Resolutions and Mandates associated with SHIP and CDBG grants, to explore strategy with County Commissioners and Staff, and to bring insights, relevant experience, and recommendations from the unique positions held by members of the committee.

Mission Statement: The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee evaluates Alachua County policies and procedures in order to recommend affordable housing incentives targeting regulatory reform and assists the County with developing and implementing projects funded by the Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program.

Major Accomplishments in 2021-22:

1. Reviewed the LHAP per statutory requirements and forwarded recommendations to the BoCC.
2. Conducted an Affordable Housing Summit in October 2021 of housing providers/developers to determine state and plan for affordable housing needs in Alachua County.
3. Drafted and approved the Incentives & Recommendation Report
4. Reviewed Housing Program Application to DEO in support of the Budget Inn Motel
5. Contributed to the developed of the Infrastructure Sales Tax

6. Worked with staff on the Local Housing Trust Fund recommendations.
7. Revised AHAC Bylaws and update accompanying resolution.
8. Collaborated with Alachua County Growth Management on affordable housing and inclusionary zoning.
9. Monitored program activities pertaining to SHIP and CDBG Funding,
10. Collaborated and reviewed plan of the Housing Finance Authority for use of bonds and housing development activities

Goals & Objectives for FY 2022-23:

1. Address and implement recruitment strategies to increase the number of board members.
2. Review all county projects related to affordable housing.
3. Serve as a liaison between the community at-large by representative to consider any and all housing projects under consideration by the County.
4. Continue to implement strategies derived from the Affordable Housing Summit held on August 19, 2022.