



## Agenda Item Summary

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**File #: 24-00921**

**Agenda Date: 10/8/2024**

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**Agenda Item Name:**

**Proposed Application for Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO) Grant Public Hearing**

**Presenter:**

Claudia Tuck, Community Support Services Director, (352) 231-0058  
Ralston Reodica, Housing Program Manager (352)337-6285

**Description:**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding opportunity in support of housing.

**Recommended Action:**

Hold public hearing on the proposed PRO Housing application and action plan; Authorize staff to apply for the PRO Housing grant application and authorize the County Manager and/or designee to submit the application, certification forms, and all documents related to the grant.

**Prior Board Motions:**

August 13, 2024 BCC Meeting: Purchase of Sunrise Residence Inn from St. Francis House-24-00656  
Commissioner Cornell moved the following:

1. To approve the closing and other transactional costs for the Option Contract between Alachua County and St. Francis House, Inc. for the property located at 2105 and 2120 SW 14th St., Gainesville, FL 32608; and authorize the Chair or the County Manager, or their designee, to sign the Notice of Exercise of Option and any additional documents, approved by the County Attorney, necessary to complete the transaction.
2. Staff work with HUD to help identify additional potential funding sources for the rehab and renovation of this site. This includes working with HUD to maintain the vouchers with the renovation or the construction of a new facility.
3. Request that the federal lobbyist and local delegation work with the County on the HUD request and bring back an update to the Board with in 90 to 120 days prior to any long-term renovations being made.
4. Request that the Chair write a letter to the two housing authorities (Alachua County Housing Authority and the City of Gainesville Housing Authority) requesting they provide a report or a presentation on how their annual inspections are done for State and Federally funded housing vouchers received so that the Board understands how these units are maintained.
5. The funding for the purchase will come from reserves with the ability to be reimbursed with clarification on the Infrastructure Surtax.

2nd Commissioner Chestnut. The motion carried 5-0.

**Fiscal Note:**

No match dollars needed to obtain this grant.

**Strategic Guide:**

Housing

**Background:**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is issuing a second Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) under the authority of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-12242, approved March 9, 2024) (Appropriations Act), which appropriates \$100 million for competitive grant funding for the identification and removal of barriers to affordable housing production and preservation. Congress has directed HUD to undertake a competition using the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) statutory and regulatory framework.

Under this NOFO, HUD will provide PRO Housing grants to identify and remove barriers to affordable housing production and preservation. Grantees may use awards to for sustainable actions to further develop, evaluate, and implement housing policy plans, improve housing strategies, and facilitate affordable housing production and preservation. Eligible applicants are State and local governments, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), and multijurisdictional entities.

The Alachua County Housing Program has identified a grant to create Permanent Supportive Housing units for unhoused individuals. This grant will help with the renovation costs for the property known as the Sunrise Inn. A requirement prior to submission of the application is for publication of the proposed PRO Housing application and to afford the public, other local governments and other interested party and opportunity to examine and provide public comment. This is the opportunity for the public to provide commentary regarding the proposed grant application. The PRO Housing application is available on the County's Housing Programs homepage at

<https://alachuacounty.us/Depts/CSS/House/Pages/housing.aspx>

Or directly at

<https://alachuacounty.us/Depts/CSS/House/Documents/ADACompliant/AlachuaCounty2024PROHousingApplication.pdf>

A copy can be further made available upon request to Alachua County Community Support Services, Housing Programs, 218 SE 24 Street, Gainesville, FL 32641, 352-337-6240, TDD/TTY users call 711 (Florida Relay Service).