



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Date: 10/8/2024

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Continuum of Care (CoC) Builds Grant Application

Presenter:

Claudia Tuck, Community Support Services Director, (352) 231-0058
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Description:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant opportunity in support of permanent supportive housing (PSH)

Recommended Action:

Authorize staff to submit a Continuum of Care (CoC) Builds grant application and for the County Manager or designee to submit/sign the application, any modifications, and related documents in support of the application and/or 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:

This grant requires a match fund, that the County already provided by purchasing the Sunrise Inn.

Strategic Guide:

Housing

Background:

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Builds (CoCBuilds) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) targets efforts within CoC geographic areas to address and reduce persons experiencing homelessness by adding new units of permanent supportive housing (PSH) through new construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation through one-time CoCBuilds awards under the CoC Program.

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 Residence Inn. The Board of County Commissioners approved the purchase of the property known as the Sunrise Residence Inn on September 24, 2024. The grant requires match funding. The BoCC met the required match funding criterion in purchasing the building.

At the BoCC meeting on October 8, 2024, the public will have opportunity to provide commentary regarding the proposed grant application.