

Alachua County Advisory Boards

Annual Work Plan / Accomplishments Report
FY2024-2025

Date of Report: September 23, 2025

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

Chairperson: RD Bonnaghan

Board Liaison: Ralston Reodica

Staff Support: Patrick Miller

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 2024-25:

1. Revision of the Alachua County Housing Trust Plan
2. Revision of the application for the Alachua County Living Spaces and Thriving Places Program
3. Approved 2024 Incentives and Recommendations Report (IRR).
4. Revision of the Conveyance and Surplus Land Plan as it pertains to Housing
5. Reviewed applications for the Alachua County Living Spaces and Thriving Places Program and subsequently made recommendations for funding awards for two projects.
6. Reviewed housing development projects submitted to the Alachua County Housing Finance Authority and made recommendations to that entity.

7. Reviewed Community Engagement related to housing projects and began the process of compiling committee recommendations. (Ongoing)
8. Made funding recommendations in support of Community Resource Centers as part of the Alachua County Housing Trust Plan
9. Provided input on the Comprehensive Plan, specifically on the Housing Element and Inclusionary Housing
10. Heard presentations from Alachua County Growth Management, Landlord Mitigation Fund, Continuum of Care Task Force, UF Shimborg Center, Florida Housing Coalition,
11. Offered feedback and suggestions regarding the pilot Alachua County Energy Efficiency Program
12. Initiated Request for Proposal in support of developing Legacy Community Development Project.
13. Collaborated with the Alachua County Board of Commissioners and HFA to rename motel conversions of Budget Inn and Scottish Inn.
14. Provided support to staff in helping to achieve program goals.
15. Recommend amendments to 2023-2026 SHIP Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP). Program.
16. Reviewed applications for the Alachua County Living Spaces and Thriving Places Program and subsequently made recommendations for funding awards for two projects.
17. Fostered community engagement in support of housing development.

Goals & Objectives for FY 2025-26:

1. Maintain an active board and officer structure that engages members, and the community at-large on housing issues.
2. Serve as a liaison between the community at large by representative to consider all housing projects under consideration by the County; make recommendations to the Board..
3. Review housing plans, priorities, and develop policies with the intention to create, preserve, and retain affordable and workforce housing including the Annual Housing Trust Plan.
4. Meet with the City's AHAC for a joint meeting.
5. Focus on community engagement throughout Alachua County to better inform BoCC on community needs and priorities.
6. Support legislation that impacts housing and those unhoused
7. Hear presentations from Release, Grace Market, and other housing providers.
8. Promote housing activities via online and social media to better inform residents.
9. Review applications in support of the WSPPs Alachua County Living Spaces and Thriving Places Program.
10. Review and prepare the annual Incentives and Recommendations Report and SHIP Annual Report.

11. Ongoing collaboration with governmental and quasi- government entities, private and public developers, lenders, real estate and banking institutions for the betterment of housing for all residents.
12. Support and advocate for housing legislation at all levels of the federal, state, and local government.