



Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

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Legislation Text

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Subject:

Approval, RE: Adoption of State Fiscal Year 2024-2027 State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Local Housing Assistance Plan (estimated \$2,648,427)

Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Year 2023 - 24: The current SHIP estimate for Brevard County's allocation is \$2,648,427 in funds for the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024. Approximately \$662,106 will be received during the final quarter of the County 2023 - 2024 fiscal year. All SHIP funds are deposited in Fund 1490.

Fiscal Year 2024 - 25: All remaining SHIP funds will be deposited in Fund 1490.

Dept/Office:

Housing and Human Services

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners:

1. Adopt the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) for Fiscal Years 2024 Through 2027 by Resolution;
2. Authorize the Chair to sign the required State Certifications and sign any amendments that the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC) determines necessary to meet the requirements of State Statute 420.907-9075;
3. Approve the Housing and Human Services Department, as contract administrators, to use competitive procurement to seek contractors to complete proposed activities and projects;
4. Approve the Housing and Human Services Department Director to endorse agreements, amendments, and modifications for activities and projects identified in the LHAP and procured by the Housing and Human Services Department after approval from Risk Management and the County Attorney's Office.
5. Authorize the County Manager to approve any related budget change requests.

Summary Explanation and Background:

Florida Statute 420.9075 requires that Brevard County submit a three-year Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) that describes strategies and criteria for the expenditure of State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) funds. The annual allocation for SHIP is dependent on revenue collected by the State through documentary stamp taxes and administered by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC).

The Brevard County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC), pursuant to Section 420.9076(4) of the Florida Statutes, reviewed local policies and procedures, ordinances, land development regulations, and the

Brevard County Comprehensive Plan Housing Element to recommend specific actions or initiatives to encourage or facilitate affordable housing while protecting the ability of the property to appreciate in value. The LHAP was unanimously recommended for approval by the AHAC on Thursday, March 21, 2024. Florida Housing Finance Corporation conducted a conditional review of the LHAP and provided approval for submission on May 1, 2024.

The LHAP is consistent with the Brevard County five-year Consolidated Plan, the Brevard County Comprehensive Plan Housing Element, and local policies.

Six Strategies are proposed:

1. Homeownership-Purchase Assistance without Rehabilitation
2. Homeownership-Limited Repairs, Occupied Repairs and Occupied Rehabilitation (Homeownership Occupied Rehabilitation)
3. Homeownership-Demolition/Reconstruction
4. Homeownership-Acquisition Rehabilitation and New Construction
5. Rental-Rehabilitation/New Construction
6. Disaster Repair/Mitigation/Direct Assistance

Attached are the Certification, the Resolution, a strike-through copy of the LHAP (to include scrivener's errors, definition updates, addition of Workforce activities, increases to assistance levels to match previous approval from the Board of County Commissioners, and other changes to facilitate the operation of the program), a clean copy of the LHAP, and the required Exhibits.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Please have the Chair sign the Resolution, Certification, and then return the documents to Housing and Human Services (HHS).