



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
City Commission Agenda Memo  
REGULAR MEETING**

**#22-0245**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** April 5, 2022

**TITLE:** Resolution Approving the 2022-2025 State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution approving the City's proposed 2022-2025 State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP), allowing ten percent of the funding award and eligible program income to be used for program administration including staff salaries, and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and take any action associated with this program.

**Background**

Section 420.9075, Florida Statutes (2021), requires the City as a participant in the SHIP Program to develop and implement a three-year plan to make affordable residential units available to persons of very low income, low income, or moderate income and to persons who have special needs; including but not limited to homeless individuals, the elderly, and person with disabilities. All strategies included in the LHAP may assist persons and households having annual incomes of not more than 140 percent of the area median income as determine by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The current LHAP will expire on June 30, 2022, and the new LHAP is effective July 1, 2022, and is due to Florida Housing Finance Corporation by May 2, 2022.

In developing the LHAP we used an estimated baseline allocation of \$900,000 for a projected award for fiscal years 2022-2025.

In accordance with Section 420.9075(7), Florida Statutes (2021), the cost of administering the local housing assistance plan may not exceed the five (5) percent limitation on administrative costs, unless its governing body finds, by resolution, that five (5) percent of the local housing distribution plus five (5) percent of program income is insufficient to

adequately pay the necessary costs of administering the local housing assistance plan provided, however, the cost of administering the program may not exceed ten (10) percent of the local housing distribution plus five (5) percent of the program income deposited into the trust fund.

The proposed LHAP has been submitted to the State for a pre-review, and staff has made all of the State's recommended revisions. Once the LHAP is approved by the City Commission, the final LHAP and Resolution will be resubmitted to the State.

The LHAP includes nine (9) housing strategies which are as follows:

A. Emergency Housing Repair
B. Rental Development
C. New Construction-Home Ownership
D. Rental Assistance for the Elderly & Special Needs
E. Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation
F. Demolition/Reconstruction
G. Purchase Assistance without Rehab
H. Disaster Repair
I. Rapid Re-Housing

This plan supports the City Commission 2022 top priority of addressing Homelessness and Housing opportunities.

**Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

**Strategic Connections**

This item is a 2022 Top Commission Priority, advancing the Homelessness and Housing Opportunities Initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- Goal 4: Build a thriving and inclusive community of neighborhoods.
- Objective: Ensure a range of affordable housing options

This item advances the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan; We Are Community.

**Attachments**

Exhibit 1 - 2022-2025 LHAP

Exhibit 2 - Resolution

Exhibit 3 - Certification to Florida Housing Finance Corporation

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