



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

**#16-0253**

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

**FROM:** Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** April 5, 2016

**TITLE:** Resolution approving the 2016- 2019 Local Housing Assistance Plan

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution approving the City's proposed 2016-2019 State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program, Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents associated with this appropriation.

**Background**

Section 420.9075, Florida Statutes, requires each county or eligible municipality participating in the State Housing Initiatives Partnership 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 housing needs, including but not limited to homeless individuals, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. All strategies may assist persons and households having annual incomes of not more than 140 percent of the area median income.

The current LHAP will expire on June 30, 2016 and the new LHAP for 2016-2017, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 is due to Florida Housing Finance Corporation by May 2, 2016.

In the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the City received \$821,520.00 SHIP funds. In developing this LHAP we used the 2015-2016 allocation as the baseline for the projected (preliminary) award amount for fiscal years 2016 thru 2019.

The proposed LHAP has been submitted to the State for a pre-review, and staff has made all of the State 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 eight (8) housing strategies, which are as follows:

- New Construction-Infill housing,
- Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation,
- Demolition/Reconstruction,
- Purchase Assistance (*without Rehabilitation Assistance*),

- Special Needs Assistance,
- Impact Fee Assistance,
- New Construction Multi-Family Rentals, and
- Disaster Repair/Mitigation.

This plan preserves affordable homeownership and rental housing. These strategies will assist staff in providing the maximum level of services for addressing the housing needs of income eligible residents of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

### **Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

### **Strategic Connections**

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative included within the Neighborhood Enhancement Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 5: Be a community of strong, beautiful, and healthy neighborhoods.
- Option 2: Ensure a range of housing options for current and future neighbors.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision Plan 2035*: We are community.

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – 2016-2019 LHAP

Exhibit 2 – 2016-2019 LHAP Certification Form

Exhibit 3 – Resolution

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