



TO:	Honorable Mayor & Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
FROM:	Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager
DATE:	October 5, 2021
TITLE:	Resolution Amending the 2019-2022 State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution amending the 2019-2022 State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) to add a New Construction-Home Ownership Strategy to increase the production of affordable housing and authorize the City Manager to execute all related documents.

Background

The 2019-2022 LHAP was approved on April 2,2019 and submitted to Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC) as a three-year plan that outlines the local housing assistance and incentive strategies adopted by the City. The LHAP provides guidelines on how SHIP funds should be spent to preserve and maintain affordable housing. To be eligible for SHIP funding for each state fiscal year, the City is required to submit and receive approval of its LHAP and amendments thereto, as provided in Rule 67.37.006, Florida Administrative Code.

City staff proposes the addition of a new strategy: New Construction-Homeownership on page 12 of the 2019-2022 LHAP to provide SHIP funding to eligible developers for acquisition, infrastructure, and construction costs associated with the production of affordable housing.

The requested amendment supports the 2021 City Commission's Top Priority of Homelessness and Housing opportunities for Affordable Housing and Workforce Housing.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact to the general fund.

Strategic Connections

This item is a 2021 Top Commission Priority, advancing the Homelessness and Housing Opportunities Initiative.

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

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- Goal 4: Build a thriving and inclusive community of neighborhoods.
- Objective: Work with partners to reduce homelessness and self-worth through advocacy, housing, and comprehensive services
- 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 – Amended 2019-2022 Local Housing Assistance Plan Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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