

City of Delray Beach



SHIP LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN (LHAP)

2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025

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I. Program Details:

A. LG(s)

Name of Local Government	City of Delray Beach
Does this LHAP contain an interlocal agreement?	No
If yes, name of other local government(s)	N/A

B. Purpose of the program:

- To meet the housing needs of the very low, low and moderate-income households not to exceed 140% AMI;
- To expand production of and preserve affordable housing; and
- To further the housing element of the local government comprehensive plan specific to affordable housing.

C. Fiscal years covered by the Plan: 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025

D. Governance: The SHIP Program is established in accordance with Section 420.907-9079, Florida Statutes and Chapter 67-37, Florida Administrative Code. Cities and Counties must be in compliance with these applicable statutes, rules and any additional requirements as established through the Legislative process.

E. Local Housing Partnership: The SHIP Program encourages building active partnerships between government, lending institutions, builders and developers, not-for-profit and community-based housing providers and service organizations, providers of professional services related to affordable housing, advocates for low-income persons, real estate professionals, persons or entities that can provide housing or support services and lead agencies of the local continuums of care. The City of Delray Beach's Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS) Department has engaged a partnership with the Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency, Delray Beach Housing Authority (Delray Housing Group), Delray Beach Community Land Trust, the Habitat for Humanity of South Palm Beach County, Delray Beach Community Development Corporation, and local contractors. This partnership helps to implement a comprehensive home-building and community revitalization program. Resources from each participant are leveraged to minimize the duplication of services, streamline the approval process and to reduce the cost of housing to very-low, low-, and moderate-income homebuyers.

F. Leveraging: The Plan is intended to increase the availability of affordable residential units by combining local resources and cost saving measures into a local housing partnership and using public and private funds to reduce the cost of housing. SHIP funds may be leveraged with or used to supplement other Florida Housing Finance Corporation programs and to provide local match to obtain federal housing grants or programs. The use of SHIP funds along with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) funds, General Revenue contributions awarded by the City, CRA, leveraged with private sector financing and technical support and other public funds provide the basis for increasing the supply of affordable housing for Delray Beach residents. Emphasis remains on combining neighborhood improvements with the provision of homeownership opportunities for the very low and low-income households.

G. Public Input: Public input was solicited through face-to-face meetings with AHAC committee public comments, housing providers, social service providers, local lenders and neighborhood associations. Public input was solicited through the local newspaper in the advertising of the Local Housing Assistance Plan and the Notice of Funding Availability.



- H. Advertising and Outreach:** SHIP funding availability shall be advertised in a newspaper of general circulation and periodicals serving ethnic and diverse neighborhoods and on the City's website, at least 30 days before the beginning of the application period. If no funding is available due to a waiting list, no notice of funding availability is required.
- I. Waiting List/Priorities:** A waiting list will be established when there are eligible applicants for strategies that no longer have funding available. Those households on the waiting list will be notified of their status. Applicants will be maintained in an order that is consistent with the time completed applications were submitted as well as any established funding priorities as described in this plan.

The following priorities for funding described/listed here apply to all strategies unless otherwise stated in an individual strategy in Section II. When funds are available for a strategy, the applicants from the waiting list will be contacted to submit/update the application for SHIP assistance. Applicants will be placed in the queue for assistance once they have provided all required documentation and been deemed SHIP eligible.

Ranking Priority would be in the following order: 1. Special Needs households, 2. Essential Services Personnel 3. All others beginning with very low, low then moderate-income categories.

- J. Discrimination:** In accordance with the provisions of ss.760.20-760.37, it is unlawful to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, handicap, or marital status in the award application process for eligible housing. In implementing its SHIP program, the City of Delray Beach is mindful of affirmatively furthering fair housing. The City utilizes CDBG funds to further fair housing outreach and education activities, as called for in the Consolidated Plan. All SHIP applicants are required to attend home-buyer education seminars that include a segment on fair housing.
- K. Support Services and Counseling:** Support services are available from various sources. Available support services may include but are not limited to: Homeownership Counseling (Pre and Post), Credit Counseling, Tenant Counseling, Foreclosure Counseling and Transportation.
- L. Purchase Price Limits:** The sales price or value of new or existing eligible housing may not exceed 90% of the average area purchase price in the statistical area in which the eligible housing is located. Such average area purchase price may be that calculated for any 12-month period beginning not earlier than the fourth calendar year prior to the year in which the award occurs. The sales price of new and existing units, which can be lower but may not exceed 90% of the average area purchase price established by the U.S. Treasury Department or as described above.

The methodology used is:

U.S. Treasury Department	X
Local HFA Numbers	

- M. Income Limits, Rent Limits and Affordability:** The Income and Rent Limits used in the SHIP Program are updated annually by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and posted at www.floridahousing.org.



"Affordable" means that monthly rents or mortgage payments including taxes and insurance do not exceed 30 percent of that amount which represents the percentage of the median annual gross income for the households as indicated in Sections 420.9071, F.S. However, it is not the intent to limit an individual household's ability to devote more than 30% of its income for housing, and housing for which a household devotes more than 30% of its income shall be deemed Affordable if the first institutional mortgage lender is satisfied that the household can afford mortgage payments in excess of the 30% benchmark and in the case of rental housing does not exceed those rental limits adjusted for bedroom size.

- N. Welfare Transition Program:** Should an eligible sponsor be used, a qualification system and selection criteria for applications for Awards to eligible sponsors shall be developed, which includes a description that demonstrates how eligible sponsors that employ personnel from the Welfare Transition Program will be given preference in the selection process.
- O. Monitoring and First Right of Refusal:** In the case of rental housing, the staff and any entity that has administrative authority for implementing the local housing assistance plan assisting rental developments shall annually monitor and determine tenant eligibility or, to the extent another governmental entity provides periodic monitoring and determination, a municipality, county or local housing financing authority may rely on such monitoring and determination of tenant eligibility. However, any loan or grant in the original amount of \$10,000 or less shall not be subject to these annual monitoring and determination of tenant eligibility requirements. Tenant eligibility will be monitored annually for no less than 15 years or the term of assistance whichever is longer unless as specified above. Eligible sponsors that offer rental housing for sale before 15 years or that have remaining mortgages funded under this program must give a first right of refusal to eligible nonprofit organizations for purchase at the current market value for continued occupancy by eligible persons.
- P. Administrative Budget:** A line-item budget is attached as Exhibit A. The city finds that the moneys deposited in the local housing assistance trust fund are necessary to administer and implement the local housing assistance plan.

Section 420.9075 Florida Statute and Chapter 67-37, Florida Administrative Code, states: "A county or an eligible municipality may not exceed the 5 percent limitation on administrative costs, unless its governing body finds, by resolution, that 5 percent of the local housing distribution plus 5 percent of program income is insufficient to adequately pay the necessary costs of administering the local housing assistance plan."

Section 420.9075 Florida Statute and Chapter 67-37, Florida Administrative Code, further states: "The cost of administering the program may not exceed 10 percent of the local housing distribution plus 5 percent of program income deposited into the trust fund, except that small counties, as defined in s. 120.52(19), and eligible municipalities receiving a local housing distribution of up to \$350,000 may use up to 10 percent of program income for administrative costs." The applicable local jurisdiction has adopted the above findings in the resolution attached as Exhibit E.

- Q. Program Administration:** Administration of the local housing assistance plan will be performed by:

Entity	Duties	Admin. Fee Percentage
Local Government	Administration	100%
Third Party Entity/Sub-recipient	If warranted thru Disaster Assistance strategy	10%



R. First-time Homebuyer Definition: For any strategies designed for first-time homebuyers, the following definition will apply: *An individual who has had no ownership in a principal residence during the 3-year period ending on the date of purchase of the property. This includes a spouse (if either meets the above test, they are considered first-time homebuyers). A single parent who has only owned a home with a former spouse while married. An individual who is a displaced homemaker and has only owned with a spouse. An individual who has only owned a principal residence not permanently affixed to a permanent foundation in accordance with applicable regulations. An individual who has only owned a property that was not in compliance with state, local or model building codes and which cannot be brought into compliance for less than the cost of constructing a permanent structure.*

S. Project Delivery Costs: Must state the specific strategies and the specific activities that will be charged as a PDC.

Strategy	Activity	Percentage/Maximum Costs
Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation	Request and preparation of survey, if needed for permitting	No more than standard costs per Palm Beach County.
Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation	Engineer report, if needed to facilitate housing repair	No more than standard costs per Palm Beach County.

T. Essential Service Personnel Definition (ESP): “Essential Services Personnel” means persons whose household incomes do not exceed 140% of AMI, as determined annually by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation and adjusted for family size, and shall include teachers and educators, other school district, community college, and university employees, police and fire personnel, health care personnel, and skilled building trades personnel; Federal, State, County, and local government personnel.

U. Describe efforts to incorporate Green Building and Energy Saving products and processes:

Energy Efficiency and Green Housing-related repairs shall be encouraged. The local utility provider may perform a free Energy Audit. Every effort will be made to leverage SHIP funding with Utility Rebates for insulation, appliances replacement, encourage innovative design, green building principles, storm-resistant construction, or other elements that reduce long-term costs relating to maintenance, utilities, or insurance and more. Repairs shall also be guided by the minimum building code which is the 2018 Residential Florida Building Code. These repairs shall include but are not to be limited to the following:

- Window repair, replacement and weather stripping
- Paints and primers that meet the Green Seal G-11 Environmental Standard
- Commodes or water closet with 1.3 gallons per flush capacity.
- Building envelope sealing specifications
- Installation of Energy Star Ceiling Fans
- Proper ventilation when undertaking substantial rehabilitation
- Installation of Energy Star efficient lighting, including fixtures
- Installation of efficient equipment for heating, cooling and water heating.
- Efficient air distribution, where ducts are installed with minimum air leaks and are effectively insulated.

All General Contractors utilizing funding are required to be Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certified. LEED certification is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high-performance green buildings. LEED gives building owners and operators the tools they need to have an immediate and measurable impact on their buildings’ performance. LEED promotes a whole-



building approach to sustainability by recognizing performance in five key areas of human and environmental health: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality.

- V. Describe efforts to meet the 20% Special Needs set-aside:** Presently the City of Delray Beach has priority preference measures within the housing rehabilitation program to provide assistance to households with one or more members with special needs. A minimum of 20 percent of the annual State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) fund allocation is to serve persons with special needs as defined in s. 420.0004 (13), Florida Statutes. The first priority of these special needs funds must be to use them for persons with developmental disabilities. Within the rehabilitation program, special attention is given to address special needs households by addressing ADA accessibility measures i.e., bathroom fixtures; high toilets, lower sinks, roll-in showers, and grab bars as well as outside wheelchair ramps and widening of doors. Most handicapped accessibility are addressed within the bathroom repairs, kitchen and for inside and outside accessibility of the home.
- W. Describe efforts to reduce homelessness:** The City's LHAP strategies and incentives are designed to provide and maintain affordable homeownership which is deemed to prevent homelessness. Presently, CROS Ministries which has operated the food pantry over twenty years. The food pantry is currently housed at the Neighborhood Resource Center within the City limits. The agency provides food, emergency services, advocacy, and long-term self-sufficiency. Division staff has been a participating member of the Homeless Initiative Task Force (a circle of representatives from social service and other organizations) working to create short/long term goals to prevent homelessness. The City through the Police Department's community outreach team has a Service Population Advocate and team whose responsibilities include referring persons to transitional housing through the Lewis Center, Recovery Residences if appropriate, or local rooms and apartments for rent. Palm Beach County also houses the Senator Philip D. Lewis Center to assist individuals who are homeless in Palm Beach County through outreach, assessment, and housing. Homeless Services staff assesses individuals at the Lewis Center for Housing Focused Services and provide Case Management to homeless individuals in Transition. Services are prioritized to the most vulnerable homeless persons. These are not SHIP funded activities/efforts to reduce homelessness.



Section II. LHAP Strategies (Please read LHAP Strategy Quick Guide before developing strategies):

A. Purchase Assistance with and without rehabilitation	Code 1, 2,
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- a. Summary: This strategy assists eligible first-time homebuyers with a deferred payment loan to be applied towards down payment, rehabilitation costs (if applicable) paid within 12 months by SHIP, CDBG, the seller, the buyer or another source, closing costs and principal reductions for the construction of new and/or purchase of existing single-family homes, townhouses, villas and condominiums including homes purchased from a community land trust (CLT).

b. Fiscal Years Covered: 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025

c. Income Categories to be served: Very low, low and moderate

d. Maximum award: \$ 75,000

e. Terms: (see "Additional Information" for special terms for CLT home purchases)

1. Repayment loan/deferred loan/grant: Deferred, payment loan secured by a note and mortgage.
2. Interest Rate: 0%
3. Years in loan term:

\$35,000 or less	10-year term
\$35,001 to \$75,000	15-year term

4. Forgiveness: All loan awards will be amortized, in monthly increments, on a prorated basis by 10/20% of the principal amount each year and forgiven at the end of the term.
5. Repayment: None required as long as the loan is in good standing.
6. Default: Repayment of the loan award will be immediately due to the City in the event any "qualifying event(s)" occur prior to expiration of the note. In the event the SHIP recipient dies, the deferred payment loan may be assumed by an eligible heir who occupies the dwelling, or must provide lease agreement to very-low to moderate tenants. Transfers by inheritance to the Unit Owner's surviving spouse, qualified domestic partner, or lineal descendants, are allowed.

Qualifying event(s) are considered to be:

- sale of unit or transfer of title;
 - i. Transfers of title under the following circumstances shall be allowed, and are not subject to the restrictions included in this Covenant:
 - ii. Transfers by inheritance to the Unit Owner's surviving spouse, qualified domestic partner, or lineal descendants, or;
 - iii. Transfers of title to a spouse as part of a divorce decree, or to a qualified domestic partner as part of a court approved property settlement agreement; or



- iv. Acquisition of title or interest therein by an existing Unit Owner's spouse if it is in conjunction with marriage of the Unit Owner and his/her spouse, or by an existing Unit Owner's qualified domestic partner; or
 - the assisted homeowner fails to continuously occupy the home;
 - the unit is rented;
 - the unit is refinanced without prior authorization of the City.
 - Death of the homeowner. Assumable by an eligible heir living in the home.

In the event the homeowner wishes to refinance his or her first mortgage or take out an equity loan to make repairs or improvements, the City has created an administrative policy pertaining to subordination requests. The subordination policy is attached as Exhibit "H".

- f. Recipient/Tenant Selection Criteria: In addition to being income eligible as described above, applicants must meet the following selection criteria:
 - Applicants will be selected on a first qualified, first-ready basis;
 - Must be first-time homebuyer(s), which is defined as one of the following:
 - someone who has not owned a home during the past three years; a single parent who has been divorced and displaced within the 12 month period prior to time of application, and whose household includes children under the age of 18;
 - a displaced victim of domestic abuse;
 - a person displaced as a result of a government action (other than eviction from public housing; and those who have special needs according to 420.0004 (13) F.S.;
 - Must have a bank account;
 - Applicants must contribute a minimum of 2% of the purchase price toward the transaction (out-of-pocket expenses are included in this calculation);
 - Applicant must have applied for a first mortgage with an approved lender,
 - The applicant must have attended and completed an approved homebuyer education course (i.e., at least six hours in length and conducted in a classroom/virtual setting) by a HUD approved agency or approved by the Neighborhood Services Division;
 - Applicant may not currently own or have liquid assets exceeding \$200,000, and/or combination of liquid and non-liquid assets exceeding the current purchase price limit (our current purchase price limit is \$352,371) monetary gifts and real estate are included in the asset calculation; retirement accounts are not);
 - SHIP funds are reserved in the individual's name for a six-month period, provided that available SHIP funds remain.
- g. Sponsor Selection Criteria: N/A
- h. Additional Information: New units constructed and existing homes must be located within the incorporated City limits of Delray Beach municipal boundaries. Applicants owing money to other assisted housing programs (such as Section 8 and public housing) are ineligible for SHIP assistance until they make restitution. The City of Delray Beach has established a maximum limit of 40% of gross monthly income on the housing expenses of SHIP assisted buyers.

Terms for CLT home purchases: This SHIP assistance is assumable to an income-eligible purchaser. The terms of the Note and Mortgage shall allow subsequent purchasers to assume the loan with approval by



the CLT. Otherwise, no repayment required during the term of the loan, provided the loan remains in good standing.

B. Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation	Code 3
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a. Summary: This strategy provides loans to rehabilitate existing owner-occupied single-family units including duplexes. Rehabilitation of units will address interior and exterior building/ electrical/plumbing problems, health and safety issues, retrofit of items for those with special needs, upgrade major systems, and soft costs.

b. Fiscal Years Covered: 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025

c. Income Categories to be served: Very low, low and moderate

d. Maximum award: \$ 60,000

e. Terms:

1. Repayment loan/deferred loan/grant: Deferred payment loan secured by a lien agreement.

2. Interest Rate: 0%

3. Years in loan term:

\$35,000 or less	5 year term
\$35,001 to \$60,000	10 year term

4. Forgiveness: All loan awards will be amortized, in monthly increments, on a prorated basis by 10/20% of the principal amount each year and forgiven at the end of the term.

5. Repayment: None required as long as the loan is in good standing.

6. Default: Repayment of the loan award will be immediately due to the City in the event any "qualifying event(s)" occur prior to expiration of the note. In the event the SHIP recipient dies, the deferred payment loan may be assumed by an eligible heir who occupies the dwelling, or must provide lease agreement to very-low to moderate tenants. Transfers by inheritance to the Unit Owner's surviving spouse, qualified domestic partner, or lineal descendants, are allowed.

Qualifying event(s) are considered to be:

- sale of unit or transfer of title;
 - ii. Transfers of title under the following circumstances shall be allowed, and are not subject to the restrictions included in any covenant/agreement
 - iii. Transfers by inheritance to the Unit Owner's surviving spouse, qualified domestic partner, or lineal descendants, or;
 - iv. Transfers of title to a spouse as part of a divorce decree, or to a qualified domestic partner as part of a court approved property settlement agreement; or
 - v. Acquisition of title or interest therein by an existing Unit Owner's spouse if it is in conjunction with marriage of the Unit Owner and his/her spouse, or by an existing Unit Owner's qualified domestic partner; or
- the assisted homeowner fails to continuously occupy the home;



- the unit is rented;
- the unit is refinanced without prior authorization of the City.
- Death of the homeowner. Assumable by an eligible heir living in the home.

In the event the homeowner wishes to refinance his or her first mortgage or take out an equity loan to make repairs or improvements, the City has created an administrative policy pertaining to subordination requests. The subordination policy is attached as Exhibit "H".

- f. Recipient/Tenant Selection Criteria: Recipient must meet the following selection criteria:
- Applicants will be selected on a first qualified, first served basis;
 - Applicant may not currently own or have assets exceeding \$200,000 (monetary gifts and real estate are included in the asset calculation; retirement accounts are not);
 - Must be owner/occupant;
 - Mortgage payments and taxes must be current/paid up to date;
- g. Sponsor Selection Criteria: N/A
- h. Additional Information:
- The home must be located in the City's municipal boundaries;
 - The appraised value of the home may not exceed the maximum sales price allowed in the SHIP program for existing units;
 - The property will be monitored by Housing Inspector for adherence of this responsibility.
 - In the case of default, income eligible heirs residing in the property can assume the City mortgage.
 - In the event the homeowner wishes to refinance his or her first mortgage or take out an equity loan to make repairs or improvements, the City has created an administrative policy pertaining to subordination requests.
 - Such repaid funds will be utilized in accordance with the approved Local Housing Assistance Plan in effect at the time the funds are recaptured.

C. Disaster Assistance	Code 5,16
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<p>a. Summary: In the event of a disaster or emergency (as declared by Executive Order of the President or Governor of the State of Florida), SHIP funds will be used to leverage available federal and state funds to provide assistance to income eligible households for items such as, but not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) purchase of emergency supplies for eligible households to weatherproof damaged homes; (2) interim repairs to avoid further damage, tree and debris removal required to make individual housing units habitable, (3) payment of insurance deductibles for rehabilitation of homes covered under homeowners' insurance policies; (4) security deposit for eligible recipients that have been displaced from their rental homes due to disaster; (5) rental and utility assistance for eligible applicants; (6) mortgage and utility payment assistance for eligible applicants; (7) Strategies included in the approved LHAP that benefit applicants directly affected under

the Executive Order.
(8) other eligible activities as proposed to and approved by Florida Housing.
(9) post disaster assistance for non-insured repairs and payment of arrears relative to primary housing.

- b. Fiscal Years Covered: 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025
- c. Income Categories to be served: Very low, low and moderate
- d. Maximum award: \$ 15,000
- e. Terms:
 - 1. Repayment loan/deferred loan/grant: Grant
 - 2. Interest Rate: N/A
 - 3. Years in loan term: N/A
 - 4. Forgiveness: N/A
 - 5. Repayment: N/A
 - 6. Default: N/A
- f. Recipient/Tenant Selection Criteria: In addition to being income eligible as described above, applicants will be served on a first-qualified first-served basis, pending fund availability. Residence must be located within the municipal boundaries of Delray Beach.
- g. Sponsor Selection Criteria: N/A
- h. Additional Information: This strategy will be implemented only in the event of a disaster declaration using any SHIP funds that have not been encumbered.

D. Foreclosure Assistance	Code 7
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a. Summary: This strategy allocates payment assistance in the form of a deferred payment loan to any homeowner whose home is in the process of foreclosure due to extenuating circumstances.

- b. Fiscal Years Covered: 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025
- c. Income Categories to be served: Very low, low and moderate
- d. Maximum award: \$ 10,000
- e. Terms:
 - 1. Repayment loan/deferred loan/grant: Deferred, payment loan secured by a lien agreement.
 - 2. Interest Rate: 0%
 - 3. Years in loan term: Five (5) years
 - 4. Forgiveness: Forgiven at the end of the term
 - 5. Repayment: None required as long as the loan is in good standing.



6. Default: Repayment of the full loan award will be immediately due to the City in the event any “qualifying event(s)” occur prior to expiration of the note. Qualifying event(s) are considered to be:
- sale of unit or transfer of title (except for major healthcare expenses or by inheritance);
 - the assisted homeowner fails to continuously occupy the home;
 - the unit is leased/rented without prior authorization of the City;
 - unit is refinanced without prior authorization of the City;

- f. Recipient/Tenant Selection Criteria: In addition to serving an income eligible applicant as described in the Purchase Assistant Strategy, applicants must meet the following selection criteria:
1. Applicants will be selected on a first qualified, first-served basis
 2. Completion of foreclosure counseling through HUD approved counseling agency.
 3. Foreclosure applicants must show that the nonpayment of their mortgage is not through their own doing. Eligible reasons are:
 - Loss of employment;
 - Medical expenses;
 - Divorce or separation;
 - Death in the family;
 - Home repair bills.

Applicants must also show that they will be able to keep the house out of default and must show they can make monthly mortgage payments. Additionally, eligibility for foreclosure assistance shall be done in an expedited manner and may include alternative forms of documentation, such as current pay stubs and benefit letters, as well as oral documented verification of employment wages, other income, and assets.

- g. Sponsor/Sub-recipient Selection Criteria: N/A
- h. Additional Information: Leveraging may be used with this strategy; priority will be given to persons previously assisted with SHIP funds. In the event the homeowner wishes to refinance his or her first mortgage or take out an equity loan to make repairs or improvements, the City has created an administrative policy pertaining to subordination requests. Assessed value of home must be equal or less than SHIP purchase price limit.

E. Rental Assistance	Code 13, 23
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| a. Summary: This strategy provides funds that will be awarded to renter households that are in need of assistance for: (1) security deposit at initial occupancy or (2) eviction prevention not to exceed 6 months’ rent. Lease term must be for one (1) year. |
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- b. Fiscal Years Covered: 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025
- c. Income Categories to be served: Very low, low and moderate
- d. Maximum award: \$ 10,000
- e. Terms :



1. Repayment loan/deferred loan/grant: Grant
2. Interest Rate: N/A
3. Years in loan term: N/A
4. Forgiveness: N/A
5. Repayment: N/A
6. Default: N/A

f. Recipient/Tenant Selection Criteria: Applicants will be selected on a first qualified, first-served basis. Applicants facing eviction must show that the nonpayment of the rent falls under the eligible reasons following:

1. Loss of employment;
2. Sudden medical expenses;
3. Divorce or separation;
4. Death in the family;

Eligibility for assistance shall be done in an expedited manner and may include alternative forms of documentation, such as current pay stubs and benefit letters, as well as oral verification of employment wages, other income, and assets.

g. Sponsor Selection Criteria: N/A

h. Additional Information: Leveraging may be used with this strategy; priority will be given to persons previously assisted with SHIP funds for eligible default reasons. May only be used once per applicant.

III. LHAP Incentive Strategies

In addition to the **required Incentive Strategy A and Strategy B**, include all adopted incentives with the policies and procedures used for implementation as provided in Section 420.9076, F.S.:

A. Name of the Strategy: **Expedited Permitting**

Permits as defined in s. 163.3177 (6) (f) (3) for affordable housing projects are expedited to a greater degree than other projects.

Description of the procedures used to implement this strategy:

Established policy and procedures:

The City has in place a "One Stop Shop" permitting process for a coordinated review and approval of all developmental applications submitted through the Building Division. The system features a fully automated application tracking software package that provides the opportunity to readily identify delays in review time from various departments within the permit process. Applications submitted for affordable housing projects will receive a label marking it as such and prioritized for review. Applications received are processed by designated persons under the approved expedited permitting process developed for this program.

In addition, it is the policy of the City of Delray Beach Development Services and Neighborhood and Community Services Departments to implement an expedited permit process for affordable



housing subdivisions. An affordable housing subdivision is one that:

- Contains at least 10 affordable units.

For projects meeting the above criteria a single point of contact shall be designated (the Director of Development Services and/or Neighborhood and Community Services or either of their designees). This individual(s) shall be responsible for coordinating all matters relating to the review services for the project and shall provide periodic status reports to the business's project manager.

A pre-application meeting shall be conducted and shall include the preparation of a timetable for project completion. The project shall receive priority at every phase and project review shall include face to face meetings to facilitate the expediting process.

Comments relative to the development review application shall be provided to the applicant within ten (10) business days (Development Application) and fifteen (15) business days (Permit Application) after the submission of a complete application by the applicant. Thereafter, the City and the applicant shall make a mutual commitment to provide development and permit application review comments and plans or revisions thereto in a thorough and timely manner.

Pursuant to [LDR Section 2.4.8\(C\)\(1\)](#), with submittal of an application that is deemed complete Class IV and V site plan development proposals shall be processed within seven (7) weeks and applications involving re-zonings or Conditional Uses will require an additional four (4) weeks. Class I through III site development applications will be processed in five (5) weeks or less.

As identified above, initial building permit comments shall be provided within fifteen (15) business days of a complete submittal. Thereafter all efforts shall be made to expedite building permits after all outstanding comments have been addressed with the goal of issuing the permits within thirty (30) business days after submittal.

B. Name of the Strategy: **Ongoing Review Process**

An ongoing process for review of local policies, ordinances, regulations and plan provisions that increase the cost of housing prior to their adoption.

Description of the procedures used to implement this strategy:

Development Services reviews all proposed new City policies or changes to the LDR's to determine effects, if any, on the cost of housing. If it is determined that there is an impact, an analysis is prepared by appropriate department staff and submitted to City Commission for review prior to its approval.

C. Name of the Strategy: **Impact Fees Requirements**

An on-going process to allow for the payment of impact fees associated with new construction of affordable housing units.

- a. Established policy and procedures:



The City has been unsuccessful in petitioning the County to waive impact fees associated with new construction of affordable housing units. The County does provide an impact fee credit for units built on a lot, which had a previous residential unit on the site. The Neighborhood Services staff provides the research on properties to identify these credits wherever possible. When no credit is applicable, the City may use SHIP funds to pay the impact fees.

- D. Name of the Strategy: Waiver of Building Permit Fees
An ongoing process for reducing the cost of building or rehabilitating affordable housing.
a. Established policy and procedures:
The City waives Permit Fees in accordance with LDR Section 2.4.3 (K)(1).
- E. Name of the Strategy: Allowance of Increased Density Levels
An ongoing process to review zoning regulations for the purpose of allowing increased density to encourage development of affordable housing unit.
a. Established policy and procedures:
The Housing Element of the City's Comprehensive Plan provide for increases to density when it can be demonstrated that such increases will lead to an affordable unit, provided that other policies of the Comprehensive Plan are met. The Land Development Regulations allow for increased densities in planned unit development on a case-by-case basis. In addition, flexible densities are allowable pursuant to the City's Workforce Housing Ordinance. This does not apply to in-fill housing and the lack of large vacant parcels which makes this incentive limited in its effect.
- F. Name of the Strategy: Reservation of Infrastructure Capacity
An ongoing process to provide for infrastructure improvements in deteriorating neighborhoods.
a. Established policy and procedures: Provide Description
Infrastructure facilities currently exist throughout the entire City. However, where there are visible signs of deterioration, Comprehensive Plan policy provides for prioritization in scheduling necessary improvements. As each year's infrastructure improvement schedule is prepared, priority is given to neighborhoods with concentrations of infrastructure deficiencies.
- G. Name of the Strategy: Reduction of Parking and Set-Back Requirements
An ongoing process to encourage development of affordable units by allowing for reduced parking and set back requirements
a. Established policy and procedures: Provide Description
Regulations require two parking spaces per dwelling unit beyond the required front yard set-back in Single Family Zoning Districts. As an incentive to affordable housing, one of the required parking spaces may be located within the 25' front yard setback reducing haphazard street parking."
- H. Name of the Strategy: Preparation of a printed inventory of locally owned public lands suitable



for affordable housing. An ongoing process to identify land suitable for development of affordable housing.

a. Established policy and procedures: Provide Description

The Development Services Department has compiled a complete list of City owned lands of 3 acres or more along with available single-family lots. The Community Redevelopment Agency maintains a list of vacant parcels, which they own or have under contract suitable for in-fill residential construction.

I. Name of the Strategy: Reduction of Landscape Requirements

An ongoing process to encourage the development of affordable units by allowing for a reduction of the City's landscape requirements

a. Established policy and procedures: Provide Description

The current requirements at Section 4.6.16(H) for Single Family Housing is that 20% of all pervious lot area be planted in shrubs and ground cover and the remaining 80% of the area be planted in turf. In support of projects participating in the City's Affordable Housing Programs the requirements of the landscape code are reduced to allow for only 10% of the pervious single-family lot area be planted in shrubs and ground cover and that they be installed in the front and side setbacks. It is estimated that \$1,200 will be reduced from the cost of producing one unit.

IV. EXHIBITS:

Required

- A. Administrative Budget for each fiscal year covered in the Plan.
- B. Timeline for Estimated Encumbrance and Expenditure.
- C. Housing Delivery Goals Chart (HDGC) For Each Fiscal Year Covered in the plan.
- D. Signed LHAP Certification.
- E. Resolution #22-xx (Signed, dated, witnessed or attested adopting resolution).

Optional

- F. Ordinance: (If changed from the original creating ordinance).
- G. Interlocal Agreement (Required if applicable).
- H. Other Documents Incorporated by Reference.
 - *Subordination Policy