



AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AHAC)  
The Villages Sumter County Service Center  
7375 Powell Road, Room 102, Wildwood, FL 34785

October 8, 2020  
10:00 AM

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

**2. Flag Salute**

**3. Public Forum**

**4. Approval of Minutes**

**Minutes of Meeting Held on July 16, 2020**

Documents:

[7\\_16\\_20 Minutes.pdf](#)

**5. New Business**

**a) Introduction of New Committee Member Francis Harper**

## **b) CARES Act Housing Assistance Grant**

The Housing Assistance Grant Funds were distributed by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC) and are expended only for the purposes authorized by the Corona-virus Relief Fund (CRF) Sub-recipient Agreement executed by the Board of Sumter County Commissioners (BOCC) on July 29, 2020.

Sumter County received an initial allocation of \$309,029 to assist renters and homeowners who have been directly affected by COVID-19. Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC) notified staff that Sumter County was eligible to receive the second allocation of \$103,875. FHFC sent an amendment to the CRF Sub-recipient Agreement, which will govern the disbursement of the second allocation of funds and incorporate technical changes that were made through the clarifications issued on July 28, 2020, in CRF-2. On September 22, 2020, the BOCC executed the amendment and extended the application deadline to December 4, 2020.

Business reimbursement grants eligibility for expenditures related to COVID-19 response has been extended to include eligible expenses incurred from March 1, 2020, through November 13, 2020. Applications for reimbursement may be submitted through December 4, 2020. Sumter County Economic Development encourages both for-profit and not-for-profit entities to apply for the grants for reimbursement of Personal Protective Equipment, Disinfectants, sanitizer, sanitation services, protective barriers, and more.

All funds for both grants must be expended by December 30, 2020. Any funds not spent will be returned to the state.

## **c) State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) 2020-2021 Funding**

The Sadowski Coalition and Florida Housing Coalition notified local governments via a webinar on September 15, 2020, that they expect the legislature to hold a special session in November after the election. The money in the Housing Trust Fund is still in the account and has not been allocated. The legislature can reallocate funding for SHIP. The housing advocate agencies will keep the local governments informed of all future decisions regarding the SHIP funding and the Housing Trust Fund. AHAC members can visit <https://www.sadowskicoalition.org/> for more information.

#### **d) Community Housing Partners**

Sumter County donated two county-owned properties located in Lake Panasoffkee to Habitat for Humanity for affordable housing purposes in accordance with the policy created by the Board of Sumter County Commissioners on September 26, 2017, and to meet the objective of Florida Statutes § 125.379. Habitat for Humanity constructed a new site built home on each property. The homeowners received the keys to their new homes on June 17, 2020. The partnership between Sumter County and Habitat for Humanity provided a new affordable home for two more families in our community.

Homes In Partnership, Inc. is accepting applications from interested home-buyers to purchase a home in their Live Oak Housing Development in Webster, Florida. A new home selling price starts at \$145,000 with USDA financing for a very affordable monthly mortgage payment. Interested individuals can visit [www.homesip.org](http://www.homesip.org) or call 1-407-886-2451 for more information.

Documents:

[Press Release.pdf](#)

[Homes In Partnership Flyer.pdf](#)

#### **e) 2021 Affordable Housing Incentive Review and Recommendation Report for SHIP Affordable Housing Incentive Strategies**

The AHAC is directed by SHIP Statutes § 420.9076 (4) (a) – (k) to consider and evaluate the implementation of affordable housing incentive strategies. Based on the AHAC evaluation, the committee may recommend to the local government to make modifications of, exceptions to, or create new plans, policies, procedures, and other governing items, which would encourage the production of affordable housing. Recommendations approved by the Board of Sumter County Commissioners are adopted and outlined in an amended Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) and the local Comprehensive Plan Housing Element.

In prior years, the committee was required to submit a report to the state tri-annually. House Bill 1339, which took effect on July 1, 2020, changed the reporting requirement from tri-annually to annually. The annual report is due to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation on December 31, 2021. Staff plans to begin the review process at the January 14, 2021, meeting followed by the next two scheduled AHAC meetings to ensure sufficient time for the committee to conduct a comprehensive review of the incentives.

Documents:

[2021 Incentives Discussion Plan.pdf](#)

## **6. Next Meeting**

**January 14, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m. at 7375 Powell Road, Room162, Wildwood, FL  
34785**

**Adjourn**