Local Governments Role in Ending Homelessness



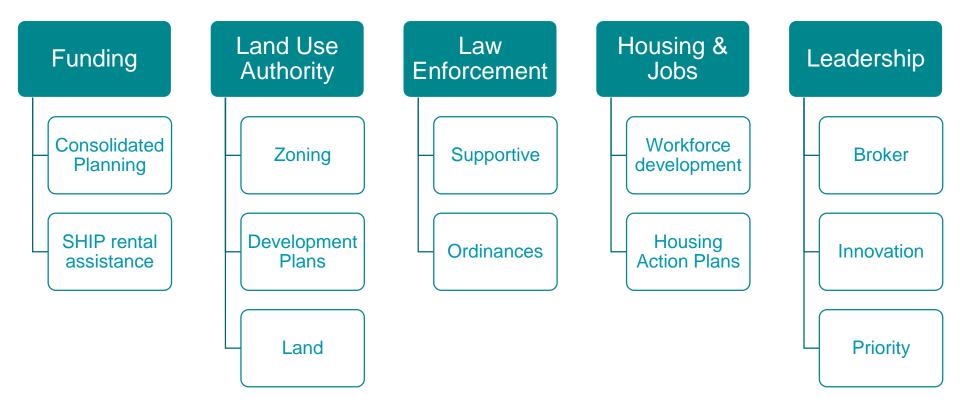




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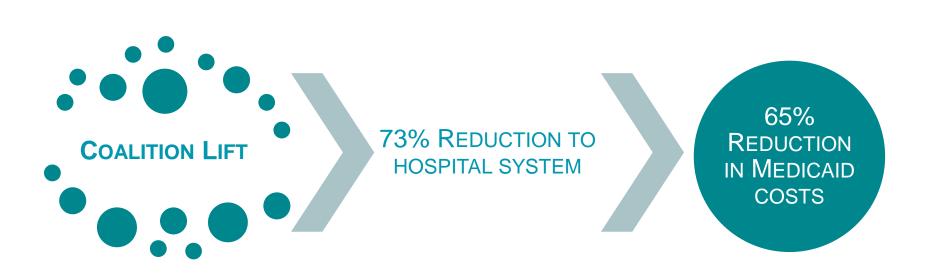






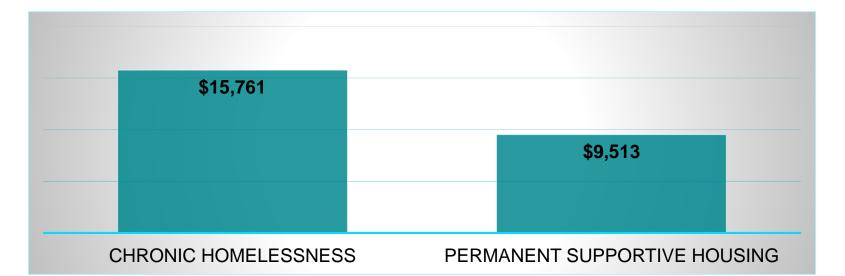
Clear and consistent messaging on the local government's role in ending homelessness and why it must invest resources to do so.





Source: Florida's Council on Homelessness, 2019 Annual Report. Carrfour Supportive Housing, Coalition Lift. Page 33. <u>https://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/homelessness/docs/2019CouncilReport.pdf</u>





Source: the Relative Cost of Homelessness in the Suncoast Region of Florida and the Economic Impact of Providing Sustainable Housing Solutions. Gregory A. Shinn MS, Creative Housing Solutions.

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Costs - The Evidence Cost Per Person, Per Year Orange, Osceola, and Seminole Counties HOUSED \$10,051 HOMELESS \$31,065

Source: the Cost of Long-Term Homelessness in Central Florida. The Current Crisis and Economic Impact of Providing Sustainable Housing Solutions. Rethink Homelessness. <u>https://shnny.org/uploads/Florida-Homelessness-Report-2014.pdf</u>

\$20,000

\$15,000

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\$5,000

\$10,000



\$30,000

\$35,000

\$25,000



Source: The Solution That Saves. Two Year Evaluation Report. Ability Housing. https://abilityhousing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/The-Solution-That-Saves-2018-Two-Year-Evaluation-1.pdf



TOTAL COST SAVINGS OF \$2,249,511 TO THE JACKSONVILLE COMMUNITY

> 58% DECREASE IN HOSPITAL-RELATED COSTS

> > \$137,792 SAVINGS IN ARRESTS, BOOKINGS, AND JAIL TIME

> > > 50% HEALTH-RELATED COST SAVINGS IN ONE YEAR

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THE FLORIDA HOUSING COALITION



The evidence is strong: supportive housing reduces the cost of homelessness.



Marion County Community Services

Cheryl Martin, Community Services Director

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Where Are We?



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Funding Sources Marion County's Population = approx. 345,749 CDBG/HOME/ESG/NSP/SHIP **Approx.= \$4,000,000** annually

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Past Projects











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Challenges Identified

The Public Policy Institute Study (PPI) identified a Lack of:

Leadership

Comprehensive Plan

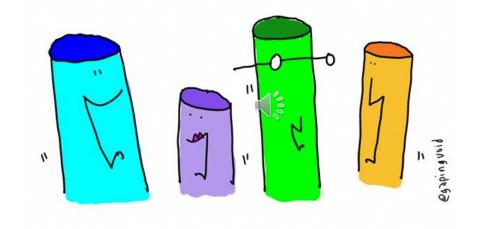
> Funding

Public Policy Institute: Homelessness - The Long Way Home

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getting all the silos to talk to each other...



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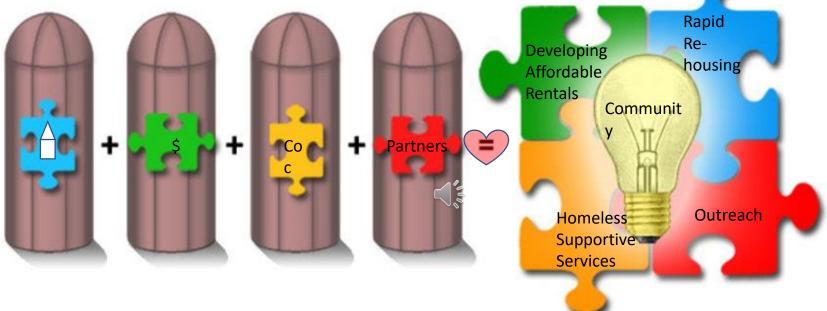
How are We Moving Forward?

- Creating a Joint-Office of Homeless Prevention with the City of Ocala to administer Continuum of Care (CoC).
- Developed the FY 2019-2024 Five-Year Con. Plan and FY 2019-2022 LHAP to align with community needs:
 - **1. Community Development**
 - 2. Affordable Housing
 - 3. Homelessness
- Revised Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) process

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Silo Collaboration!



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Local Government Role in Ending Homelessness

Florida Housing Coalition 2019 Affordable Housing Conference



Local Government Role

• Provide resources and support for homelessness services

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- Continuum of Care Partner
- Support affordable housing
- Public education
- Emergency services
- Law enforcement



Homeless Services

Possible Homelessness Programs

- Relocation Assistance
- Outreach teams/Peer outreach
- Mobile healthcare
- Mental health/substance abuse
- Referral services
- Diversion programs



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Housing



- Shelters/transitional housing
- Rapid re-housing
- Supportive housing
- Municipal land donations
- Support affordable housing projects

Housing Funding



Funding Sources/Support

- Fee waivers
- CDBG
- HOME
- SHIP
- Local funds
- Land donations
- LIHTC local government contributions
- CRA
- Tax Increment Financing
- Tax abatement
- Bond financing



Other Funding



- Private Donations/Foundation
- CDBG Public Services (15%)
- MOUs with non-profits and other government entities
- Think outside the box!
 - Bus Bench Advertising example
 - Parking revenue example

Collaboration



- Local, state, federal
- Non-profits
- Housing authority
- Faith based
- Private sector and foundations

- WPB. West Palm Beach
- Dr. Alice Moore Supportive Housing for homeless prevention- 36 units
 - \$1.1 million City funds plus fee waiver incentives
 - Expected completion early 2020





- Royal Palm Place Elderly Housing with preference for homeless veterans. 125 units
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- Home at Tamarind
 - 6 units of supportive housing
 - City land donation
 - \$300,000 grant
 - Partners include FHFC, County, Quantum Foundation
- Duplex Donations
 - 6 units with 13 rooms donated to the Lords Place for transitional housing
- Housing Stabilization Program
 - Rapid rehousing program up to \$3,000



Don't forget services!

- Homeward Bound- Relocation assistance
- Peer outreach specialist
- Downtown clean team
- Counseling and referrals
- Mobile health clinic/street medications



Ending Homelessness



Take Measured Risks

Pilot Program For Homeless Re-entry

- House up to 12 homeless re-entry or FUSE clients for up to 12 months with supportive services
- \$120k in HOME and HTF





QUESTIONS?

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