

Memorandum

File #: 2022-032 City Council 4/14/2022

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: Grover C. Robinson, IV, Mayor

SUBJECT:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-032 - APPROVING THE ESCAMBIA/PENSACOLA 2022-2024 STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN

RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council adopt Resolution No. 2022-032.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM ACT, SUBSECTIONS 420.907-420.9079, FLORIDA STATUTES; AND RULE CHAPTER 67-37, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

The City of Pensacola and Escambia County have jointly received funding and successfully administered the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program since 1993. In order to continue to receive SHIP funding for the upcoming three-year period (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025), the participating jurisdictions must adopt by resolution the 2022-2024 Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) and related supporting documents based on the requirements stipulated in Chapter 420 Florida Statutes, and Florida Housing Finance Corporation Administrative Rule 67-37 prior to May 2, 2022. On Tuesday, April 5, 2022, the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee voted to recommend to City Council and the Board of County Commissioners, respectively, the approval of the SHIP Local Housing Assistance Plan.

All SHIP funds are used to support affordable homeownership, rental rehabilitation or assistance, or rental development strategies with a minimum of 65% of the funds targeting homeownership. At Least 30% of the funds must benefit very low-income families (at or below 50% of area median income), with an additional 30% benefiting low-income families (at or below 80% of area median income). The strategies presented in the LHAP are available to assist low- and moderate-income families throughout Escambia County. The program is also the sole funding source used to meet the local cash match required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development HOME

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Investment Partnerships Act program, which finances homeownership assistance and the substantial reconstruction of substandard owner-occupied homes within the City.

PRIOR ACTION:

April 11, 2019 - City Council adopted Resolution 2019-17 approving the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program Local Housing Assistance Plan

FUNDING:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The City Council's adoption of the LHAP by resolution is required for the City of Pensacola to be eligible to receive SHIP funds from the Florida Housing Finance Corporation.

LEGAL REVIEW ONLY BY CITY ATTORNEY: Yes

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STAFF CONTACT:

Kerrith Fiddler, City Administrator
David Forte, Deputy City Administrator - Community Development
Marcie Whitaker, Housing Director

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Resolution No. 2022-032
- 2) Escambia County/City of Pensacola 2022-2025 SHIP Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP)

PRESENTATION: No