



## EMPOWERING MARION FOR SUCCESS II

### Community Services

#### **FY 23/24 – 4<sup>TH</sup> Quarter Accomplishments (July - September):**

##### Planning and Future Growth

1. Develop incentive options for the development of housing in identified strategic areas:
  - A. Two properties were acquired within the CRA to further the goals of the approved CRA Master Plan.
  - B. A policy for the Live Local Act was approved and published on the Community Services website.
2. Identify and evaluate strategic areas to promote easily developed properties:
  - A. Approval was received to enter into an MOU with Growth Services to support Code Enforcement efforts for slum and blight removal in LMI areas.
3. Inform the community:
  - A. Our department was invited to present on the successes of two internal programs at the Florida Housing Annual Conference.
  - B. Our department won two awards at the Florida Housing Coalition Affordable Housing conference, bringing additional awareness and recognition to the success and hard work of our programs.
  - C. Our Housing core focus area was invited to present on the successes of our new construction and rental acquisition housing programs at the Lake County housing forum.
  - D. The Continuum of Care website has been redesigned to encourage traffic and usage by making it more comprehensive and inclusive of the Joint Office on Homelessness information.

#### **FY 24/25 – 1st Quarter Goals (October – December):**

##### Planning and Future Growth

1. Develop incentive options for the development of housing in identified strategic areas:
  - A. The acquisition of two additional sites that have been identified for purchase within the CRA to further the goal of economic development.
  - B. Ongoing economic development and promotion of projects in the CRA and Urban Service Growth Boundary.
  - C. Continue negotiations with Habitat for Humanity for the construction of four affordable single-family residences.
  - D. A new committee structure and board has been approved for AHAC with plans to host the first meeting in October.



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2. Identify and evaluate strategic areas to promote easily developed properties:
  - A. Evaluate the progress of on-going efforts with the Code Enforcement in the LMI slum and blight removal.
  - B. A contract is forthcoming for Saving Mercy Corp. for ten affordable duplexes, two of which will be used for Permanent Supportive Housing.
3. Inform the Community:
  - A. Continue redesign of the external Community Services website to encourage traffic and usage by external customers by improving functionality.
  - B. Surplus Property Policy was created to determine surplus parcels to be utilized for affordable housing and will be going before the board for approval.