



EMPOWERING MARION FOR SUCCESS II

Community Services

FY 24/25 – 3rd Quarter Accomplishments (April - June):

Planning & Future Growth

1. Guide Future Growth & Housing
 - b. **(Identify and evaluate strategic areas to promote easily developed properties):** We have successfully completed approximately 20 neighborhood cleanups through our partnership with the Code Enforcement department using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.
2. Guide Future Growth & Housing
 - c. **(Prepare for growth demands):** We successfully recruited 3 new contractors to our Homeowner Rehabilitation Program bringing the total number of contractors to 5.
3. Guide Future Growth & Housing
 - d. **(Prepare for growth demands):** Our housing team received Board approval to increase our assistance to \$75,000 for our Homeowner Rehabilitation program and \$75,000 or \$100,000 for our Purchase Assistance program to provide even more financial assistance to the participants in our program.

FY 24/25 – 4th Quarter Goals (July - September):

Planning & Future Growth

1. Guide Future Growth & Housing
 - b. **(Inform the community):** We are partnering with our PR department and the City of Ocala to rebrand our Continuum of Care with the goal of presenting a united front to help our community better understand what the Continuum of Care is, the services available, and the steps we're taking to prevent homelessness.
2. Guide Future Growth & Housing
 - c. **(Prepare for growth demands):** We hope to increase housing opportunities for homeless individuals and their families by exploring the option of adding a new programming function to the community of a Housing Navigator/ Counselor.
3. Guide Future Growth & Housing
 - d. **(Develop incentive options for the development of housing in identified strategic areas):** Our department is seeking proposals through an RFP for one of the catalytic sites within the CRA to develop a multifamily housing development.