



EMPOWERING MARION FOR SUCCESS II

Community Services

FY 25/26 – 1st Quarter Accomplishments (October-December):

Planning & Future Growth

- Guide Future Growth & Housing
 - **(Inform the community):** We partnered with our PR department and the City of Ocala to rebrand our Continuum of Care, now called the Ocala/Marion Homeless Alliance.
- Guide Future Growth & Housing
 - **(Prepare for growth demands):**
 - We have contracted with Lutheran Services of Florida (LSF), who is piloting a Housing Navigator to increase housing opportunities for homeless individuals.
 - Board approved tax credit project for Local Government Area of Opportunity Letter of Commitment for 9% tax credit through Florida Housing Finance Corporation.
 - The county received an award from the Florida Housing Coalition for Logo's Lodge.

FY 25/26 – 2nd Quarter Goals (January-March):

Planning & Future Growth

- Guide Future Growth & Housing
 - **(Develop incentive options for the development of housing in identified strategic areas):** Finalize and approve draft Expedited Permitting Process
- Guide Future Growth & Housing
 - **(Inform the community):** We are sponsoring the Regional Roundtable for SHIP held in the Growth Services Training Room.