



## EMPOWERING MARION FOR SUCCESS II

### Community Services

#### **FY 23/24 – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Accomplishments (October - December):**

##### Planning and Future Growth

1. Develop incentive options for the development of housing in identified strategic areas:
  - a. Four catalyst sites were successfully identified within the CRA and discussed during one on one meetings with commissioners
  - b. Two appraisals for the CRA properties were completed with one resulting in ongoing negotiations for purchase with the land owner
  - c. Through the Request for Proposals (RFP) facilitated by the Community Services department, Habitat for Humanity completed a total of 8 single-family residences
  - d. One of the four potential projects to increase affordable housing within the urban service growth boundary presented as a goal for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter was awarded a \$32 million multifamily mortgage bond through the Housing Finance Authority of Marion County
2. Identify and evaluate strategic areas to promote easily developed properties:
  - a. One of the four potential projects to increase affordable housing presented as a goal for last quarter has been approved by the Board that will house a minimum of two households
3. Inform the community:
  - a. Community Services coordinated with the Public Relations Department to create a comprehensive list of all projects accomplished within the last year and produced a Recap video to be shared both internally and externally
  - b. A new Community Development Ambassador position was added to the team to help collaborate with internal and external customers to promote and champion programs on behalf of the Community Services Department

#### **FY 23/24 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Goals (January - March):**

##### Planning and Future Growth

1. Develop incentive options for the development of housing in identified strategic areas:
  - a. Continue negotiations to purchase the properties in the CRA with the goal of demolishing the existing blighted building in order to begin improvements
  - b. A second contract is forthcoming to the Board for a project named Crystal Park Apartments that will provide additional workforce/affordable housing to the community for a total of 144 units of which 25% will be workforce/affordable
  - c. An agreement with Habitat for Humanity is forthcoming to the Board for six single-family residences
2. Identify and evaluate strategic areas to promote easily developed properties:



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- a. Complete the acquisition of the duplex that will provide affordable housing to a minimum of two households
3. Inform the Community
  - a. Redesign the external Community Services website to encourage traffic and usage by external customers by improving functionality