# New Construction Strategies and Partnerships

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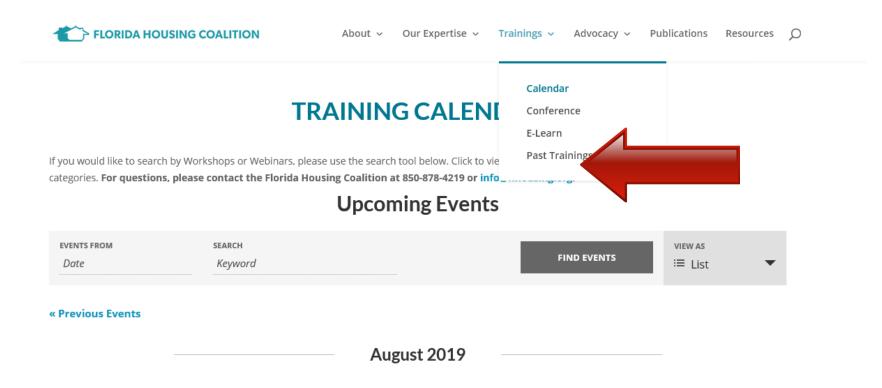


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#### **New Construction Strategy**

#### Summary of Strategy

- Define new construction use of funds for developer and buyer
- Developer Contributions/Commitments
- Construction types/ construction cost

#### Property Size/ amenities

- Who pays for land, infrastructure, hard, soft cost
- Site Conditions, title, zoning issues
- What will it sell for? (as built appraisal)
- Location Will it sell? When?



#### **Options for SHIP Assistance**

- Upfront New Construction Subsidy
- Land Acquisition Assistance
- Donated Land from Surplus Land Inventory (Sections 125.379 and 166.0451, Florida Statutes (an incentive strategy))
- Infrastructure
- All Hard and Soft cost
- Pay Developer Fee
- Pay Impact Fees
- Down Payment Assistance to the Buyer



#### **Strategy Considerations**

- Fiscal Years Covered
- Income categories to be served
  - Consider the market
  - Subsidy needed
  - Meeting set-asides



### Terms for Developer and Buyer

Must show how the assistance to the developer will be passed along to the buyer

- Repayment loan/deferred loan/grant
- Interest rate
- Years in loan term

- Forgiveness
- Repayment
- Default



### **Developer Repayment**

Is SHIP Repayment Required?

- Repaid funds recorded as program income.
- Some portion of SHIP funds are not repaid but remain as subsidy to buyer to make the deal work



#### **Selection Criteria**

- Recipient selection criteria
  - Who identifies buyer
  - First come, first qualified
    - Ranking Priority
- Sponsor/Developer Selection Criteria
  - Experience
  - Capacity (staff, financial)
  - Firm Commitment
  - Leverage
- Additional information



#### **Welfare Transition Program**

A description of the qualification system and selection criteria for applications for awards to eligible sponsors, which includes a description that demonstrates how eligible sponsors that employed personnel from the Welfare Transition Program will be given preference in the selection process



# How is assistance reported on the annual report?

- Funds to developer
- Repayment from developer
- Funds left in the deal (assistance to buyer)





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# CLT of PBC New Housing Construction Strategies

- Utilize SHIP and/or HOME to fill gap in affordability
  - As development subsidy
  - As purchase assistance
- > SHIP dollars used to acquire units and resell under CLT model
  - As development subsidy









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#### **CLT Model of Homeownership**





#### **CLT Resale Formula**

The CLT of PBC ground lease stipulates that a CLT home may only be sold to an income eligible buyer for the lesser of the appraised value at time of sale or the "Formula Price."

The formula price = The original purchase price + homeowner's share of appreciation (see below)

The homeowner's share in the increase in the market value of the home is tied to their length of ownership as follows:

If the property is sold within the 1st or 2nd year, they are entitled to 5%. If the property is sold within the 3rd to 5th year, they are entitled to 10%. If the property is sold within the 6th to 10th year, they are entitled to 15%. If the property is sold any time after the 11th year, they are entitled to 25%.



#### Resale Formula in Action

- In 2014 a CL T of PBC homeowner purchased a home for \$110,500. The home's market value was \$136,000 at the time of purchase.
- $\triangleright$  By 2019 that home was worth \$177,508 (\$41,508 in appreciation).
- ➤ Having been in the home just under 5 years, 10% of the appreciation, or \$4,150, would be reserved for the homeowner.
- Although the market value increased over 30% the home remains affordable for the next homeowner with a \$114,650 sales price.

Original Purchase Price + Owner's Share of Appreciation = Resale Price \$110,500 \$4,150 \$114,650



#### The Numbers

- ➤ Average Sales Price \$213,379 for new construction (\$163,826.50 when including rehab units)
- ➤ Sales prices ranging from \$72,000 \$256,000
- ➤ 80% AMI typically needs \$80k in subsidy to fill gap Ideally development subsidy for a CLT (HOME or SHIP) or SHIP purchase assistance
- > 0 Resales and 0 foreclosures





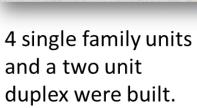
### Kirk Rd CLT Homes Project





Palm Beach County donated several road right of way parcels and provided HOME CHDO dollars









in process.

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#### **Davis Landings West**









County donated site - CLT of PBC built 16 single family homes and 8 townhomes. HOME funding was provided as a development loan that converted into buyer purchase assistance. Construction financing was provided by the Palm Beach County Housing Finance Authority.





# Sample Sponsor/Developer Selection Criteria

#### **Developer Capacity**

- Experience and staffing
  - Funding source
  - Similar project
- Financial review
- Reputation
- Current Pipeline

Commitment/award of other funding sources



#### **More Criteria**

#### Budget

- Construction
- Cost reasonableness
- Commitment/award of other funding sources

Realistic timeline- ability to proceed

- SHIP expenditure deadline- 24 months from close of State Fiscal year
- Certificate of Occupancy

Buyers are pre-approved and ready to move in at completion



# What the Developer wants from SHIP

- Commitment of funds (firm) contingent upon award of other funds
- Can be multiple-year award of SHIP funds if all years' funds have been advertised
- The multiple-year award must be from an adopted and approved LHAP



#### **Local Government Duties**

- Selection of Developer
- Details of Contract
- Provide SHIP subsidy at right time in development process
- Pay SHIP dollars in last payment
- Provide update of income limits
- Monitoring and Provide training



### **Developer Duties**

- New Construction or Rehabilitation
- Selecting eligible households
- Maintain SHIP files with proper documentation
- Keep to the Timeline to avoid exceeding Expenditure Deadline



### **Homebuyer Duties**

- Complete application accurately
- Report all sources of current and anticipated income
- Make monthly mortgage payments
- Make repairs no landlord to call
- Notify SHIP Office if they intend to sell before the end of the affordability period.





### The Importance of Written Agreements

- A written agreement serves as a legally binding contract between the local government and any other party
- Serves as a management, accountability and enforcement tool for the local government
- Is serves as the basis for compliance monitoring



# **General Provisions of the Agreement**

- Funding sources
- Use of funds
- Amount of funds
- Roles and responsibilities
- Performance Standards
- Program requirements
- Project requirements
- Changes to the agreement
- Insurance



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#### **More General Provisions**

- Affordability
- Duration of agreement
- Timeline
- Disbursement of funds/payment
- Record retention and reports

- Reversion of assets
- Default
- monitoring
- Close out requirements



# Program requirements - Comply with LHAP

- Advertising requirements
  - Non-Discrimination
  - Priorities
- Maximum per unit award
- Income limits
- Mortgage payment should be affordable
- Loan terms
- Number of affordable homes produced



### **Program Requirements**

- FTHB requirements
- Value limits
- Energy improvements/Mitigation
- Special needs
- Program income
- Reporting requirements
- Record keeping
- Audits



### **Management Tool**

- Written agreements are a management and enforcement tool
- It is legally binding
- It minimizes the risk of the local government
- Allows for corrective action
- Identifies specific requirements
- Allows for monitoring and compliance





## Why Monitor?

- To compare reality with requirements
- To measure an activity against a quality standard
- To identify problem areas which may hinder the completion of the contract activities.
- Monitoring is a key component of providing technical assistance to your developers



#### **Recommended Practice:**

- SHIP Administrators *should* monitor *ALL* Sponsors
- When: during construction and after homes are purchased
- SHIP Administrators must develop a written plan which describes all monitoring activities for each Sponsor.



#### Sponsor/Developer file includes but is not limited to:

- Name of Sponsor and Project Name
- Organizational documents, licenses, and Key contact information
- Copy of the RFP
- Copy of the Proposal, including Scope of Work
- Copy of the contract between the Sponsor and the local government
- A Work Plan which details when work will be completed
- Payment Schedule, payments, closeout



# Monitoring Items to review for Purchase Assistance Files

Advertising

Waiting list

Application

Income verification

120-day clock

Income Certification Agreements

Award letter

SHIP Mortgage and

note

Property value

**Property Inspection** 

First mortgage

documents



# Please complete the evaluation!



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