

County/City Housing First and Homelessness Funding Proposal

Inter-local agreement between the city of Gainesville and Alachua County to meet the long-term funding needs to provide Housing First solutions to our community.

- 1) City reduces County millage to match city millage for College Park University Heights (CPUH) district. Current millage for City is 4.7474 and County is 8.4648. County's millage would move to 4.7474. This would result in the city giving \$1.2 million/year back to the county.
- 2) County millage that would have gone to CPUH CRA is set aside in county budget for homeless and housing first services, such as, rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing and mainstream housing options. In 2018 those dedicated funds for housing/homelessness would be \$1.2 million/year and is expected to increase to \$2 million/year over the next few of years.
- 3) County takes lead for homeless services and manages Empowerment Center and Dignity Village. City gives or provides a low cost lease for the Empowerment Center property to county.
- 4) 10 year agreement
- 5) If city reduces percentage of their millage going to CPUH district, then county will go down by the same percentage and that money can go to county general fund unencumbered
- 6) City continues to provide GPD and GFR services to Empowerment Center and Dignity Village
- 7) Current make up of CRA governing board stays the same
- 8) Current City funds that are budgeted for Empowerment Center (\$437,000) are moved to Housing First solutions. Escalates by 10% per year.
- 9) Current County funds that are budgeted for Empowerment Center (\$437,000) are moved to Housing First solutions. No mandatory escalation.