



100 YEARS of SERVICE | 1912-2012

Overview of City of Gainesville ConnectFree Program

December 19, 2013



ConnectFree Resolution

- Passed July 2003; revised November 2005
- ½ of proceeds from surcharge on W/WW connection charges outside City go to fund
- Extension of Water, WW & Reclaimed water to residences inside City
- Prioritization

ConnectFree Resolution

- Fund Allocation

- 60% Programmed Extensions
 - Marketing to residents based on prioritization
- 20% Health/Safety/Environment*
 - Cases with health/environmental concern
- 20% Affordable Housing*
 - New & existing affordable housing projects

**Funds not encumbered roll over to Programmed Ext fund each year*

Implementation

- Joint GRU/General Government
- Implementation based on prioritization
 - Emphasis on low income areas
 - Door to door marketing in CDBG areas
 - Referrals from GRU new services, housing division, health dept & others.
 - Public outreach

Current ConnectFree Balances

- Avg Annual Income (approx) \$150,000
- Fund Balance
 - Programmed \$459,360
 - One Stop Homeless Center \$625,000
 - Health/Safety/Env \$46,060
 - Affordable Housing \$46,060
 - **TOTAL FY2013 Balance** **\$1,176,480**

Questions

