



100 YEARS of SERVICE | 1912-2012

Overview of City of Gainesville ConnectFree Program

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ConnectFree Resolution

- Passed July 2003; revised November 2005
- ½ of proceeds from surcharge on W/WW connection charges outside City go to General Government ConnectFree 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
 - Plumbing improvements paid for low income & for CDBG areas
- 61 Water Connections & 4 WW Connections so far

Current ConnectFree Balances

- Avg Annual Income (approx) \$150,000
- Fund Balances FY2014

• Programmed	\$595,970
• Health/Safety/Env	\$30,163
• <u>Affordable Housing</u>	<u>\$76,163*</u>
ConnectFree FY2014 Total	\$702,296
One Stop Homeless Center	\$625,000
Total Overall Budget	\$1,327,296

*\$46,000 allocated for Arbour Valley rental housing project

Questions

