



# FLORIDA HOMEBUYER OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM (FHOP)

# FHOP Summary

- Created during the 2009 State Budget Process
- \$30.1 Million (FY 2009-2010)
- Florida Housing Finance Corporation
- City's Allocation: \$186,886 (10% Admin)
- Short Term Loan to Purchase Home (First-Time Homebuyers)

# FHOP Applicant Eligibility

- **Eligibility:**
- First-Time Homebuyer
- Receive Federal First-Time Homebuyer Tax Credit
- Max. Income Limit:
  - AGI of \$75,000 (Single)
  - AGI of \$150,000 (Joint)
- Max. Purchase Limit: (\$258,690)

# FHOP Loan

- Short-Term Loan: Up to \$8,000
- Uses:
  - Make Larger Downpayment
  - Cover Closing Costs
  - Buy Down Interest Rate

# FHOP Loan Repayment

- Subordinate Mortgage/Note
- Repayment within 18 months after closing (No Interest)
- If not fully repaid within 18 months:
  - Up to 60-month (Loan Penalty plus 3% Rate)
  - Remaining Balance Until Paid in Full (5% Rate)

# FHOP Compliance

- Utilize Existing DPA Guidelines, with FHOP Exceptions
- No State Thresholds
- Homebuyer Training
- Certified Lenders/Inspectors
- Expires December 1, 2009
- Unused Funds Reallocated to On-going SHIP Funded Programs

# Recommendation

- **The City Commission:**
- 1) adopt the attached Resolution, as required by State law;
- 2) authorize the submission of the Resolution and amendment to the 2009-2011 Local Housing Assistance Program for review and approval by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation; and
- 3) authorize the reallocation of funds to on-going SHIP housing programs after expiration of the Florida Homebuyer Opportunity Program as required by State law.