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State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program Local Housing Assistance Plan -State Fiscal Years 2014-2016 (B)

This item requests the City Commission approval of the proposed SHIP Local Housing Assistance Plan covering State Fiscal Years 2014/2015, 2015/2016 and 2016/2017, resolution and required certifications.

Since 1992, the City of Gainesville has participated in the SHIP Program. To participate in the SHIP Program, the City must prepare and submit a Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) in compliance with Section 420.907, Florida Statutes and Chapter 67-37, Florida Administrative Code. The LHAP describes program activities and management plans for the utilization of funds through public/private partnerships which expand the production and preservation of affordable housing within the city limits of the City of Gainesville. The LHAP addresses affordable housing needs in the community such as homeownership, housing rehabilitation, new construction, downpayment assistance, mortgage foreclosure intervention, and rental housing. The goal of the plan is to provide affordable housing opportunities for income eligible residents within the incorporated areas of the City.

During the development of the LHAP, public input and citizen participation was solicited through a series of meetings held during February 2014 and March 2014. The meetings included participation from housing providers, local lenders, citizens and other groups involved in the provision of affordable housing. Based on public input, there are no new proposed changes to the LHAP, as the housing programs currently being implemented are designed to continue addressing affordable housing needs in the community.

It is anticipated that the SHIP Program will be funded within the periods covered by the plan; however, the State has not distributed the annual funding allocations at this time. The Florida Statutes requires local governments to submit a LHAP in the event the SHIP Program is funded within the time period covered for State Fiscal Years 2014/2015, 2015/2016 and 2016/2017.

The City Commission: 1) adopt the resolution approving the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program Local Housing Assistance Plan for State Fiscal Years 2014/2015, 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 and required certifications; 2) authorize the submission of the Local Housing Assistance Plan for review and approval by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation; and 3) authorize the Mayor and/or City Manager or his designee to execute all necessary documents related to the Local Housing Assistance Plan, subject to review by the City Attorney as to form and legality.