

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WORKING TO END HOMELESSNESS



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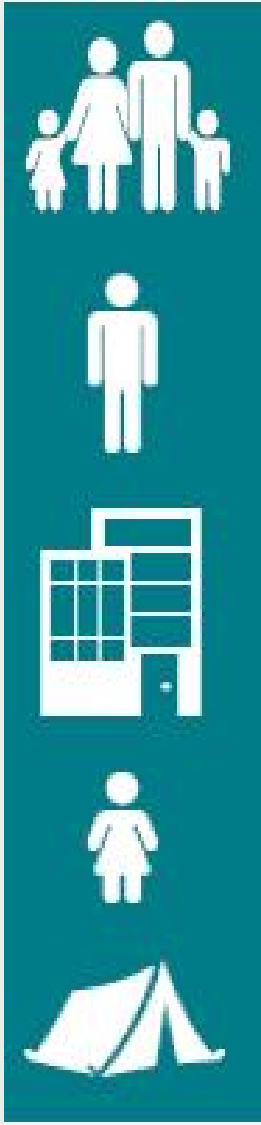
THE FLORIDA HOUSING COALITION



The background features a stylized illustration of several houses. The houses are rendered in two colors: a dark teal and a black. They are layered, with some houses appearing behind others, creating a sense of depth. Each house has a simple, geometric shape with a gabled roof and a chimney. Some houses have small, square windows with white frames. The overall style is minimalist and modern.

AGENDA FOR SESSION

**Overview of Best Practices – Susan
Sarasota Case Study – Wayne, Don, Susan**



LG FOCUSING ON HOUSING TO HELP END HOMELESSNESS

THE PROBLEM OF HOMELESSNESS (MISCONCEPTIONS)



**THE PROBLEM
OF
HOMELESSNESS
(TRUTH)**

**A person who
lacks stable
housing**

HOUSED PEOPLE ARE NOT HOMELESS



THE FLORIDA HOUSING COALITION



**Almost 1 million
Florida households
are severely “housing
cost-burdened,”
paying more than
50% of their income
for housing**

[2017 Home Matters Report,](#)
[Florida Housing Coalition](#)



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STATUTES:
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163.3177(6)(F)**

Every jurisdiction in Florida has the obligation to provide for housing its entire current and anticipated population, including the most vulnerable

EXAMPLES:

PROMOTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Mixed-use and mixed-income housing close to employment, transportation, and services

Progressive impact fees based on square foot rather than on unit

Inclusionary housing policies

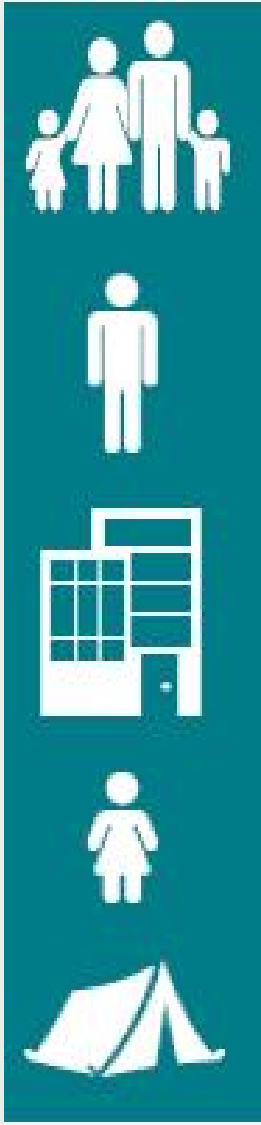
EXAMPLES: INHIBITING AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Large lot and setback requirements that prevent development of smaller homes

Minimum square footage regulations

Disallowing increased density for affordable multifamily rental and disallowing ADUs

Strict Euclidian zoning



LG FUNDING TO HELP END HOMELESSNESS

State Funding

SHIP – State Housing Initiatives Partnership

Federal Funding

HOME

NSP – Neighborhood Stabilization Funding

CDBG – Community Development Block Grant

CSBG – Community Services Block Grant

HOPWA – Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS

ESG – Emergency Solutions Grant

Local Funding

GR – General Revenue

Designated Revenue (food and beverage tax, etc.)

RECOMMENDATIONS RE FUNDING

Consider granting to **CoC Lead** Agency so LG funding can be easily woven with CoC resources (Example: ESG)

Use **HMIS data** for your proposal review and contract deliverables – limit funding to programs that don't have good permanent **housing outcomes**

Prioritize in collaboration with the CoC; guard against working at cross-purposes

Make all your contracts with homeless/housing agencies consistent with deliverables based on **housing outcomes** (not processes and outputs)

REMINDER: FOCUS ON HOUSING

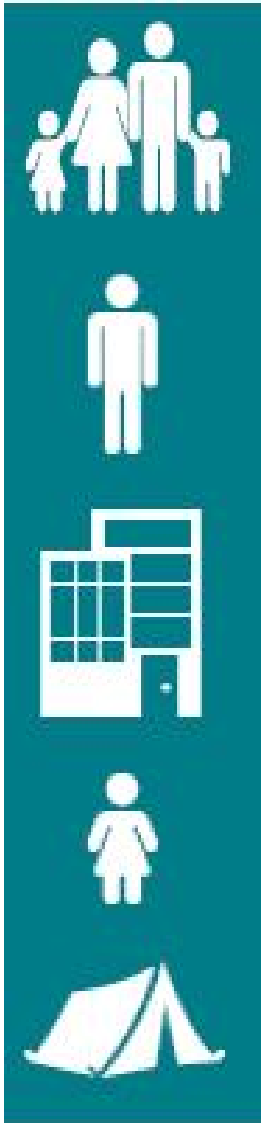
When you hear “homeless” **don’t think “shelter”**

People who are homeless can access community-based **mainstream services** funded by other sources – limit funding for efforts that duplicate services

Support multifamily **rental units** for **ELI/VLI** households and those with disabilities

Help your CoC engage with your **Public Housing Authority** to ensure a “homeless preference” for housing choice vouchers and project-based vouchers for developments for those moving out of homelessness

Don’t yield to NIMBY – there are legal approaches to sort out legitimate concerns from other concerns



LG WORKING WITH THE CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC): THE SYSTEMS APPROACH

CONTINUUM OF CARE

1. Planning to prevent and end homelessness
2. Fund housing programs and services working to prevent and end homelessness
3. Coordinate local collaborative efforts

COMPONENTS OF AN EFFECTIVE HOUSING CRISIS Response System



The “Systems Approach” is critical

Overemphasizing (overfunding) one piece of the system yields worse results

Focus on “flow” - there must be entry doors and exit doors

LESSONS LEARNED: AVOID SHOOTING YOURSELF IN THE FOOT



Don't overuse local ordinances and "criminalize" homelessness



Don't site homeless shelters or supportive housing away from bus routes, services, and employment



Don't overinvest in a "one stop center" or diversion shelter – remember the systems approach

**Next Up: How
Two Local
Governments
and One CoC
Got on the
Same Team**

