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**Board of County Commissioners Work Session October 12, 2023** 

# **The Housing Strategy**



#### **Countywide Elements**

- Housing Compact/Action Plan
- Affordable Housing Development Program
- Homes for Pinellas Summit

#### **Unincorporated County**

- Comprehensive Plan Adopted (Oct. 2022)
- Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
- Land Development Code Update
- Manufactured Housing Strategy



### **Housing Action Plan**

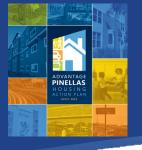


**Housing Compact** 

Housing Action Plan

**Action Steps** 

- Developed and reviewed with Compact Partners
- Reviewed at BCC Workshop (March 2023)
- Forward Pinellas Board ongoing forum for coordination, communication and collaborative planning and implementation (April 2023)
- Introduced at 2023 Homes for Pinellas Summit (April 2023)
- Endorsed by BCC and Forward Pinellas Board (July 2023)



### **Housing Action Plan**



#### Expand Affordable Housing

- Additional density bonus incentives and enhanced site development flexibility
- Increased accessory dwelling unit (ADU) allowances
- Expedited approvals
- Broader funding assistance options

#### Retain/Upgrade Existing Housing

- Preserve manufactured/mobile home communities
- Make homes more resilient to storms and floods
- Rehab programs and infrastructure investment

#### Keep Units Affordable Long Term

Partner Activities/Forward Pinellas Board

# **Affordable Housing Programs**



#### Federal, State and local funding sources

- Down Payment Assistance
- Home Repair Program
- Rental Assistance
- Affordable Housing Development



### **Affordable Housing Developments- In Progress**



Development Name	County Funding	Development Cost	Total Units	Affordable Units	Status – September 2023
Skyway Lofts II	\$3,400,000	\$23,000,000	66	66	Delayed
Burlington Post II	\$3,750,000	\$28,400,000	75	75	Funding Approved
Arya	\$4,000,000	\$97,000,000	415	125	Under Construction
Innovare	\$1,000,000	\$16,933,148	51	50	Under Construction
Seminole Square Apartments	\$5,560,000	\$30,757,794	96	96	Under Construction
Oakhurst Trace	\$6,750,000	\$50,821,370	220	220	Delayed
Whispering Pines	\$680,000	\$7,647,045	20	20	Under Construction
Fairfield Avenue Apartments	\$5,600,000	\$ <del>51,426,942</del>	264	264	Delayed - Additional Funding Requested
Lealman Heights	\$2,000,000	\$23,500,000	86	86	Delayed - Additional Funding Requested
Valor Preserve	\$1,700,000	\$26,912,000	64	64	Under Construction
Heritage Oaks	\$3,360,000	\$28,983,622	80	80	Funding Approved

# Affordable Rental Housing Development



#### **PROJECTS IN PROGRESS**

- 1,437 Units (1,146 affordable)
- Total Construction Costs: \$421.9 Million
- County Funding Commitment: \$37.8 Million
- Average Total Cost per unit: \$293,570
- Average County funding per Affordable Unit: \$32,985
- Penny IV Balance \$54.6M/\$80M \$93M

# **Project Spotlight- Arya**



- 415 unit mixed-income
- 125 workforce housing units
- 25% Construction complete
- 5475 3rd Lane North, St. Petersburg



### **Project Spotlight- Valor Preserve**



- 64 unit rental apartment complex
- Veterans Preference
- 45% Construction complete
- 9575 Seminole Blvd, Seminole



### **Trends and Conditions**



- Construction cost increases
- Interest rates
- Longer construction timelines
- Insurance requirements and rates
- Approved projects seeking additional funding

### Live Local Act – Ch. 2023-17



### Preemption for affordable housing development

- Multifamily rental and mixed use residential are allowable uses in any area zoned for commercial, industrial, or mixed use
- Commercial, industrial or mixed-use parcels if at least 40% of the units are affordable for at least 30 years

#### The local government must allow

- **Density** up to the maximum allowable within the jurisdiction
- Height up to the tallest residential or commercial building height allowed by the jurisdiction within one mile (or three stories if greater)

#### The local government

- May not require a zoning or land use change, special exception, conditional use approval, variance, or comprehensive plan amendment
- Must administratively approve if it meets other regulations for multifamily development (e.g., setbacks, parking) and is otherwise consistent with the comprehensive plan

# Affordable Housing Update



Questions?