

## **Public Notice of PRO Housing Application Available for Review and Comment**

**Notice of Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 8, 2024**

**Alachua County Community Support Services**

**Housing and Strategic Development**

The Alachua County Department of Community Support Services is accepting public comment as part of its application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the FY24 Pathways to Removing Obstacles (PRO) Housing grant. This competitive grant provides funds to identify and remove barriers to affordable housing production and preservation.

Alachua County Housing and Strategic Development is seeking the HUD PRO housing grant to support efforts in creating, preserving, and expanding affordable housing in Alachua County. Grantees may use awards to further develop, evaluate, and implement housing policy plans, improve housing strategies, and facilitate affordable housing production and preservation. Eligible applicants are local and state governments, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), and multijurisdictional entities.

As required by HUD, the PRO Housing application was made available on the Alachua County website on October 1, 2024, and the Alachua County Housing and Strategic Development office is soliciting comments on the application until October 22, 2024. Please send comments to [housing@alachuacounty.us](mailto:housing@alachuacounty.us) or mail comments to 218 SE 24<sup>th</sup> St., Gainesville, FL 32641. You may call (352) 337-6240 if you have any questions.

A public hearing to provide citizens an opportunity to comment on the application will be held on **October 8, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.** or soon after in the Jack Durrance Auditorium at the County Administration Building, 12 SE 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Gainesville, Florida. For information concerning the public hearing, contact the Alachua County Housing and Strategic Development office at (352) 337-6240.

The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in the hearing is asked to advise the County at least two days before the hearing by contacting the Equal Opportunity Office at (352) 374-5275. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the County by calling 711 to use the Florida Relay Service (TDD/TTY).

Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should contact the Equal Opportunity Office at least two days prior to the hearing and an interpreter can be provided.

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