



March 11, 2022

Board of County Commissioners

Chris Dzadovsky
DISTRICT 1

Mr. Russ Blackburn
City Manager
City of Port St. Lucie
121 S.W. Port St. Lucie Bo
Port St. Lucie, FL 34984-51

RE: Funding Request for

Sean Mitchell
DISTRICT 2
Chair

Dear Mr. Blackburn,

Linda Bartz
DISTRICT 3

In June of 2020, the Board of County Commissioners adopted St. Lucie County's 2021-2023 Strategic Plan. Goal 4.4 of the Strategic Plan is to develop and implement a comprehensive housing program to meet the needs of residents throughout St. Lucie County.

Frannie Hutchinson
DISTRICT 4
Vice-Chair

To fulfill this goal, the first step is a county-wide housing needs assessment. Creating a comprehensive program requires a full understanding of the dynamics of the housing market and the economy of affordable housing, along with the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. A housing needs assessment is imperative to help expand the value of affordable housing – to recognize that affordable housing is critical to St. Lucie County's economic growth and resilience and the health and well-being of its residents. A comprehensive, impactful, and long-term affordable housing development delivery system is needed to help overcome the current persistent levels of distress while better preparing for inevitable challenges of the future.

Cathy Townsend
DISTRICT 5

Administration

Howard Tipton
COUNTY
ADMINISTRATOR

Working together will advance solutions and provide more opportunities to mitigate the affordable housing crisis. As such, I am asking for a financial contribution from our partner cities in the amount of \$50,000 to be leveraged with a contribution by the Board to fund the development of a countywide housing needs assessment and comprehensive housing plan.

Dan McIntyre
COUNTY ATTORNEY

Together we can find solutions to the affordable housing crisis and further the goal of creating sustainable, economic growth and upward mobility within St. Lucie County.

Sincerely,

Alphonso Jefferson, Jr.