



# City of Gainesville

Lauren Poe, Mayor



September 5, 2019

Alachua County Board of County Commissioners  
12 SE 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Gainesville, FL 32601

Re: GRACE Marketplace Funding

Dear Honorable Chair and Members of the County Commission:

The City Commission is asking the County to continue the funding for GRACE Marketplace and the closure of Dignity Village. As outlined in the County's July 10, 2019 letter to the City, the City is aware of the County's funding concept for homeless services over the next three years. Due to the fact that no action was taken on the County's funding concept at the May 6, 2019 Joint Meeting on Homelessness, the funding concept proposed by the County is not included in the City's FY2020 budget.

The total projected funds for GRACE Marketplace and Dignity Village closure in FY 2019-2020 is outlined below:

Fiscal Year	Service Agreement GRACE		Dignity Village (DV) Closure		Total City/County Funds Budgeted	Total Funds Needed	Funding Gap
	City	County	City	County			
FY 2019-2020	\$ 750,000	\$500,000	\$254,500	\$100,000	\$1,604,500	\$2,009,000	\$ (404,500)

Therefore, to ensure a smooth transition of this funding concept, the City is requesting for the County to fully fund GRACE Marketplace and Dignity Village closure with an additional \$404,500 in FY 2020. Further discussions are needed regarding the funding of GRACE Marketplace operations and to finalize the closure of Dignity Village.

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Please consider this in your upcoming budget deliberations and plan for a more fruitful discussion on the matter at the joint meeting on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lauren Poe', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lauren Poe  
Mayor

Attachment: Alachua County Board of County Commissioners July 10, 2019 Letter to the City

Copy: Gainesville City Commissioners  
Board of County Commissioners  
Michele L. Lieberman, County Manager  
Tommy Crosby, Assistant County Manager  
Sylvia Torres, County Attorney  
Deborah Bowie, Interim City Manager  
Fred Murry, Assistant City Manager  
Nicolle Shalley, City Attorney  
Claudia Tuck, Director, Community Support Services



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July 10, 2019

The Honorable Mayor Lauren Poe  
City of Gainesville Commission  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, FL 32601

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CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Dear Mayor Poe,

At the January 15, 2019 Special Meeting (General Policy), the Board of County Commissioners held a discussion about issues related to homelessness including the County's role, funding for Grace Marketplace, and collaboration with the healthcare system.

During discussion, Commissioner Cornell presented a concept that would increase funding for homeless services by \$1.5 million (\$750,000 from both the City and the County) over the next three years. It would also provide for the City of Gainesville to have full oversight and funding for Grace Marketplace, while the County would focus on permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing. To reach this target, Commissioner Cornell suggested that each year for the next three years, the City and County would increase their contribution by \$250,000. The County's portion of Grace Marketplace funding would decline by that amount, while the City portion would increase by that level. The County would then be gaining \$500,000 annually towards placing homeless persons in housing and providing the needed supports to keep them housed.

At the end of three years, the City would be funding \$1.5 million for the operation of Grace Marketplace, while the County would no longer participate in that oversight. The County would instead be funding permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing with the additional \$1.5 million. The Interlocal would need to be revised or terminated as would the Empowerment Center Oversight Board.

This information was shared with you by Interim City Manager Deborah Bowie on February 1, 2019. Commissioner Cornell also brought this up at the May 6, 2019 Joint Meeting on Homelessness.

No action was taken on the concept during that meeting, however, this plan has been included in the County's FY2020 budget. The Board of County Commissioners would like clarification as soon as possible on the City Commission's commitment to this plan and how it is incorporated in the City's FY2020 budget.

We look forward to continuing to work together to address the needs of our homeless residents.

Sincerely,



Charles S. Chestnut, IV, Chair  
Alachua County Commission  
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Enclosure

CC: Board of County Commissioners  
Gainesville City Commissioners  
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**Memo**

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

**Via:** Deborah Bowie, Interim City Manager *DB*

**From:** Fred Murry, Assistant City Manager *FM*

**Date:** February 1, 2019

**Re:** Alachua County Board of County Commissioners – Proposed Funding Concept for Homeless Services – GRACE Marketplace, Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Rehousing

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This memo is in response to the City Commission's request to contact the County's staff and/or Jon DeCarmine, Executive Director of Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry (ACCHH), to seek clarification of the County's action at the January 15, 2019 meeting regarding homeless services.

At this meeting, County Commissioner Ken Cornell presented a funding concept for GRACE Marketplace, Permanent Support Housing & Rapid Rehousing to the Board of County Commissioners. The funding concept would increase funding for homeless services by \$1.5 million dollars (\$ 750,000 from both the City and the County over the next three years). It would also provide for the City to have full control over GRACE Marketplace while the County would focus on Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Rehousing. To reach this target, Commissioner Ken Cornell is proposing that the City and the County increase their contribution by \$250,000 per year, while the County decreases their contribution by \$250,000 for GRACE Marketplace.

At the end of the third year of the proposed funding concept, the City would be funding \$1.5 million dollars for the operation of GRACE Marketplace and the County would be contributing \$1.5 million dollars towards Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Rehousing. The City, under this proposal, would assume full responsibility for the operation of GRACE Marketplace and the County would not be involved in the operation of or funding for the facilities in future years. The County would assume responsibility for funding Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Rehousing for future years.

**CURRENT FUNDING AGREEMENT – GRACE MARKETPLACE**

	<b>ANNUALLY</b>	<b>GRACE</b>
<b>CITY</b>		\$750,000
<b>COUNTY</b>		750,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>

**PROPOSED FUNDING CONCEPT\* - GRACE AND HOUSING**

	<b>YEAR ONE</b>	<b>GRACE</b>	<b>HOUSING</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>CITY</b>		\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000
<b>COUNTY</b>		500,000	500,000	1,000,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>
	<b>YEAR TWO</b>			
<b>CITY</b>		\$1,250,000	\$0	\$1,250,000
<b>COUNTY</b>		250,000	1,000,000	1,250,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$2,500,000</b>
	<b>YEAR THREE</b>			
<b>CITY</b>		\$1,500,000	\$0	\$1,500,000
<b>COUNTY</b>		0	1,500,000	1,500,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>	<b>\$3,000,000</b>

\*An interlocal agreement between the City and the County would be needed to confirm any arrangements over the next three years and for future years.

\*This Proposal would assume that the City would take full responsibility of GRACE Marketplace.

County Commissioner Ken Cornell would like to discuss this funding concept at the next joint City and County Commission meeting. This concept is also setting a funding cap on funding for GRACE Marketplace and housing services persons living in the county.

If you have any questions about the information provided, please advise.

CC: Carl Smart, Assistant County Manager  
 Claudia Tuck, Director of Community Support Services  
 Jacquelin Richardson, Housing and Community Development Manager  
 Dan Hoffman, Assistant City Manager