

## Operational Plan for Alachua County Apartments

### 1. Focus

Homeless individuals are at a greater risk of infection with the community spread of COVID-19 because of the difficulties in following the recommendations of the CDC, as it relates to COVID-19, such as avoidance of crowded settings, sanitation, and the simple habit of frequently washing hands. Subsequently, the CDC states, "lack of housing contributes to poor physical and mental health outcomes, and linkages to permanent housing for people experiencing homelessness should continue to be a priority."

### 2. Objectives

- Respond to the challenges of chronic homelessness in Alachua County
- Provide affordable and permanent housing as an objective in ending homelessness
- Reduce the community spread of COVID 19, especially among the most vulnerable populations
- Improved better health outcomes for homeless individuals

### 3. Implementation

#### **Step 1: Purchase and Repurpose**

**Budget: \$2.3 million**

Alachua County Board of County Commission purchase of a 36-room motel and convert into a 36-apartment unit.

#### **Step 2: Property Management- total Operation Expenses -**

**Budget: \$207, 975. 13**

Upon purchase, immediately contract with Alachua County Housing Authority to manage the property

#### **Step 3: Renovation**

**TBD**

Conversion of motel 36 units into single room occupancies by installing bedroom doors

#### **Step 4: Occupancy**

**Cost of Rental Unit Est.**

Continuum of Care Coordinated Entry process identifies tenants for placement into the apartments

#### **Step 5: Community Support Services Staffing**

The Department of Community Support Services will provide case management and outreach to residents that they place in units, and work with other partners who will likewise do the same.

### 4. Ongoing Costs

Include Administrative, Legal, Accounting, Office and other fees referenced in Budget