



AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COUNCIL

AHAC Draft Budget Guidance

As has been shown through the allocation of resources in recent quarterly reviews, including the FY 2023 Carryover Review, as well as the current level of baseline funding in the budget, expanding the inventory of affordable housing in the County continues to be one of the Board's greatest priorities. With the action taken by the Board, the County's new goal is 10,000 net new affordable housing units by 2034. Meeting this lofty challenge will require additional resources, and the Board remains committed to the allocation of additional Real Estate Tax revenue. The FY 2025 budget adds \$xx million in baseline funding towards this initiative, bringing total baseline County funding to xx penny on the Real Estate Tax rate. Support for affordable housing in FY 2024 totals over \$xx million,

With the exhaustion of the federal funds which have proven so successful over the last several years supplementing County General Funds, the County should work to build baseline County funds over the next few years to reach a total investment of two pennies on the Real Estate Tax rate for the preservation of existing and the development of new affordable housing units. Until this baseline funding is achieved, staff should be identifying quarterly review opportunities to provide sufficient funding to meet the cashflow needs of Board approved projects.

The provision of affordable housing is only one aspect of the Board's priority. The other is to ensure that sufficient wrap around services exist for the occupants of the affordable housing. This is most often provided by our non-profit partners. The funding for these services has often lagged the need. To better address these needs, it is directed that the ongoing cost for these services be included in the initial conversations about developing units and the costs be planned for in the appropriate future operating budgets.