

Commission Meeting

May 7, 2024

HCD_ Georgia Rehabilitation Institute, INC. (GRI) MOU Approval Request

Department: HCD

Presenter:

Hawthorne Welcher, Jr. and/or HCD Staff

Caption: Motion to approve Housing and Community Development Department's

(HCD's) MOU with Georgia Rehabilitation Institute, INC. for the

development of (2) ADA Accessible Units and (5) Rehabs. (Approved by

Administrative Services Committee April 30, 2024)

Background: In partnership with HCD since 2019, GRI has provided financial assistance for

ADA accessible homes and has provided assistance to HCD Home

Rehabilitation Program.

This local initiative will be known as the Housing & Community Development - Georgia Rehabilitation Institute Project Initiative (the "Initiative"). The greater Initiative is designed to rehab and facilitate the development of residential housing and affordable ADA assistance for disabled persons located on property currently owned by the Augusta, Georgia Land Bank Authority (AGLBA). Augusta, GA has concluded that it is beneficial to act as a team for the purpose of increasing homeownership, rental housing

opportunities, as well as lease to own options for potential homebuyers

Analysis: The approval of the MOU will allow for development activities for (3) ADA

Accessible Homes and (7) Rehabs in Augusta Richmond County.

Financial Impact:

• GRI will contribute \$150,000 for two (2) ADA Accessible Units FY 25 (new construction)

• GRI will contribute \$50,000 for seven (5) HCD Home Rehab units, Program FY 25 (rehab)

Alternatives: Do not approve HCD's Request.

Recommendation:

Motion to approve Housing and Community Development Department's (HCD's) MOU with Georgia Rehabilitation Institute, INC. for the development of (2) ADA Accessible Units and (5) Rehabs.

Funds are available in the following accounts:

The Georgia Rehabilitation Institute, INC. wants to contribute the following funds listed below to the HOME Rehabilitation Program with HCD.

- GRI will contribute \$150,000 for two (2) ADA Accessible Units FY 25
- GRI will contribute \$50,000 for five (5) HCD Home Rehab Program FY 25

The cost of the projects was already budgeted in the following Org and Object Code listed below

221073212/5225110 Home Grant Projects/ Construction Services

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

Procurement

Finance

Law

Administrator

Clerk of Commission