

TO:	Affordable Housing Committee
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SUBJECT:	FY 2025 Proposed Budget
DATE:	February 1, 2024

## BACKGROUND

The Neighborhood Assistance Program was created to assist low-to-moderate income residents of Bluffton with property repairs and improvements that will help to increase the quality of life for all residents while creating a safer, more vibrant community that retains its character and provides for quality affordable housing.

For FY24, the total program budget was \$290,000. To date, 28 households have been assisted and a total of \$257,266 has been spent. Because of increased requests for assistance as well as increased costs, Town Staff proposes a total budget of \$400,000 for FY25 to be allocated as follows:

\$350,000 for home repairs \$10,000 for abatement/demolition of unsafe structures \$10,000 for property clean-up \$10,000 for septic pump-out \$3,000 for private road repair \$2,000 for E-911 addressing \$15,000 for tree mitigation

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Town Staff requests that the Affordable Housing Committee provide a recommendation to Town Council for the Neighborhood Assistance Program FY 2025 budget.

The Affordable Housing Committee has the authority to take the following actions:

- Recommend approval of the budget as presented; or
- Recommend approval of the budget with modifications.

Attachments:

1. AHC Workplan Draft