



MEMORANDUM

TO: Affordable Housing Committee
FROM: Victoria Smalls, Workforce & Affordable Housing Manager
CC: Heather Colin, AICP, Assistant Town Manager
Kevin P. Icard, AICP, Director of Growth Management
Charlotte Moore, AICP, Principal Planner
SUBJECT: FY 2026 Proposed Budget
DATE: January 9, 2025

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 affordable quality housing.

For FY25, the total program budget was approved at \$400,000. To date, 31 households have been assisted and a total of \$216,905.53 has been spent. Staff is recommending the proposed 2026 budget as listed below.

\$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 2026 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