



LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

LTC No: 26-069

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*
DATE: March 13, 2026
SUBJECT: **City of Fort Lauderdale Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) Selected for Florida Housing Coalition (FHC) AHAC Support Initiative**

The purpose of this Letter to the Commission (LTC) is to inform the City Commission that the City of Fort Lauderdale's Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) has been selected to participate in the prestigious Florida Housing Coalition (FHC) AHAC Support Initiative.

In November 2025, the FHC invited ninety-three (93) local governments that receive State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program (SHIP) funds to apply for complimentary, in-depth technical assistance through the State's Affordable Housing Catalyst Program. Following a highly competitive application process, Fort Lauderdale was notified of its selection as an awardee on January 13, 2026.

Fort Lauderdale is one (1) of only four (4) jurisdictions statewide chosen for this program cycle. This AHAC Support Initiative is designed to help local AHACs translate high-level policy ideas into actionable implementation plans that accelerate the production and preservation of affordable housing.

Through this partnership, the FHC will provide the City with:

- A thorough review of the City's land development regulations, housing policies, and incentive strategies;
- An evaluation of prior-year AHAC annual reports to identify gaps and opportunities;
- Written guidance on best practices and specific content to enhance the AHAC's upcoming annual reports; and
- Virtual workshops with AHAC members to refine goals and to address local challenges.

Below is an overview of the upcoming timeline of this initiative.

Phase	Milestone
April 2026 – June 2026	Technical Evaluation: FHC in-depth policy review and drafting of formal recommendations.
June 8, 2026	Final Presentation: Reporting of findings and best practices at an AHAC meeting.

Participation in the FHC AHAC Support Initiative ensures that Fort Lauderdale remains at the forefront of housing policy in Florida. The insights gained will directly inform AHAC's recommendations to the City Commission, ensuring our local strategies are both data-driven and aligned with statewide best practices.

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